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DADE COUNTY AND HER PEOPLE

From the Date of the Earliest Settlement
to the present time

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Prominent Persons and Families

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ROLVIN H. DARST.

Was born on the 19th day of July, 1866 in Delaware county, Ohio, son of William D., and Louisa (Holt) Darst, both of whom were natives of Ohio, were married there. Later they came to Greene County, Mo., in the year 1872 and bought 300 acres of land where the mother died. His father then sold out and went to Texas and in company with his brother-in-law bought 320 acres of land in Hale County which he farmed for two years then sold out and came to Dade County, and lived with his son, Rolvin, until he died, August 27, 1912.

Rolvin H. Darst was the 3rd in order of birth of a family of seven children. He remained at home until 19 years of age, worked out for wages. In 1886 he was married to Margaret Hurst who was born March 3rd, 1869, died June 3rd, 1896, leaving one child, Lloyd, born February 12, 1887, married Laura Wheeler, a daughter of James Wheeler. They have two boys, Lawrence, born October 31, 1906 and Lewell, born November 27th, 1910.

His second child, Clyde, died when five years of age.

R. H. Darst was again married to Mary Olive Wheeler, who was born February 3rd, 1872, a daughter of Allen Wheeler. They were married on the 10th day of February, 1898.

In the year 1892 he bought 160 acres of land in partnership with his brother in Polk Township upon which he lived for about 10 years. This land was unimproved. They

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cleared out 120 acres and built a frame house, then sold out and bought 240 acres all in one body. This tract of land was in fair condition. Mr. Darst has done some clearing, lots of fencing, so that now it is all fenced and cross fenced and all in cultivation except 20 acres. He has rebuilt the dwelling consisting of five rooms with water in the house. Has a 130-ton silo and a herd of full blood short-horn cattle.

He feeds from five to six car loads of cattle and hogs each year, has fifteen acres of alfalfa which does fine. Mr. Darst was one of the first men in Polk Township to introduce alfalfa. In addition to being a splendid stock and grain farm, Mr. Darst is of the opinion that much valuable mineral underlies his land, since it is right in the mineral belt of Dade County and surrounded by producing mines. He expects to do some prospecting the coming year. The ranch is named Riverside Stock Farm.

Mr. Darst and wife are members of the Baptist church. He is a Republican in politics and belongs to the Odd Fellow and Woodman lodges. He is also a stockholder in the Home Telephone Company. Much of the good-roads spirit which has been developed in the community is due to the untiring labors of Mr. Darst in that direction. He is a good roads enthusiast and strong for the Community Spirit.

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WILLIAM J. DAVIS.

Public spirited, picturesque, eccentric, whole-souled, wide-awake and active, William J. Davis is easily Lockwood's most distinguished citizen. He was born in Saratoga County, New York, March 27th, 1834. He was a son of Richard C. and Susan (Pawling) Davis, the former being a native of Saratoga county, New York of Scotch parentage as also was his wife. Her father, William Pawling, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Her uncle, Colonel Henry Pawling served in the Continental army with distinction under General Washington. The Pawling family was related to General Alexander Hamil-

ton and General James Clinton. The Pawlings were Scotch-Irish.

Richard C. Davis and wife were the parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy:

(1) Alexander, married Mary Sawyer, drowned in Illinois river.

(2) William J. Davis.

(3) Albert P., married Miss Place.

(4) Levi H, married Alexander's widow. (twins) Albert enlisted in the 105 Ills. infantry at DeKalb, Ills., and served during the war. He is now at a Soldiers' Home in California.

(5) Jane Eliza, married J. Sturgeon, and is now deceased.

(6) Andrew Jackson, died in infancy.

(7) Herman, died in infancy.

William J. Davis grew to manhood upon the farm, first in New York and later in the state of Illinois. He has a vivid recollection of the days when he cradled grain at 50 cents per day and threshed at 25 cents per day. He mowed with scythe and raked hay at 50 cents, too. He was a natural mechanic, handy with tools, and could construct almost any kind of a farm utensil, including wagons, hay-rakes and cradles and his own plow and corn planter. His father came from New York to DeKalb County, Illinois, in 1846, where he died in 1877. He was a Democrat, but he and his four sons voted for "Abe" Lincoln in 1860. He was a successful farmer and stockman, and a member of the Baptist church. His wife died in 1870.

William J. Davis came to Dade County in 1869 and purchased land for a farm in the then wild prairie, contrary to the advice of all the early pioneers. The city of Lockwood now stands on a part of his original purchase. He named his home the "Evergreen Stock Farm," which soon became noted all over Southwest Missouri. Mr. Davis imported the first Norman stallion and the first Shorthorn bull into Dade County. He also, in 1884, imported five Scotch Clyde stallions and four mares, and

has a certificate from the United States authorities stating that they were superior stock and would improve the stock of the United States. He made his own cuts to print on the bills for his stallions. He was also a breeder of fine jacks and a propagator of fruits, flowers and tame grasses. He exhibited live stock, fruits, grasses and vegetables at the county, district, state and even national fairs for a number of years, having now in his possession a string of premium cards and ribbons over 200 feet long. He was awarded a gold medal at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904 for the best display of tame grasses and clover grown by an exhibitor, competing against the world.

Mr. Davis was the only man in Dade County to give the right-of-way to the K. C., Ft. & G. railroad when it was constructed. It crossed 80 acres of his land. As soon as the railroad was built, in 1881, Mr. Davis platted a town and named it Lockwood, in honor of the General Passenger agent of that road. In order to encourage building, he gave lots to all who would erect buildings thereon, and he gave lots and money to every church erected in the city except the German, and they never solicited it. He gave a whole block to the public school and another block to the city for a park. Another act of philanthropy which might be mentioned occurred during the very early days of Lockwood, when there had been a failure of crops and flour was very high. Mr. Davis purchased 40,860 pounds of flour and sold it at cost in order to prevent suffering. Mr. Davis also gave the lot, the water privilege and \$50 in cash to the first flouring mill erected in Lockwood.

Mr. Davis built the first house on the present site of Lockwood and was the town's first postmaster. As a breeder he had wonderful mastery and control over his animals. At one time he exhibited on the streets a pair of Norman stallions hitched and driven to a wagon without a halter, lines or bridle. At another time he exhibited a 4-year-old stallion on the streets of another town right in breeding season, with lots of horses on the streets,

threw the rein over his back and asked the horse to kiss him, which he did, and followed him with his tongue against his face whenever he stopped, paying no attention to other horses. His exhibitions of live stock, fruit and farm products on the streets of Lockwood was the real beginning of the Dade County fair. As a veterinary surgeon, Mr. Davis exhibited great natural skill, and performed many remarkable feats along that line.

William J. Davis was first married to Sarah A. Kellogg. To this union were born three children:

(1) Susan, intermarried with Charles Polston, a farmer, for many years a resident in the vicinity of Lockwood, but now in New Mexico. They have eight children.

(2) Minnie B., first married to Samuel Hunt. To this marriage was born one son, Lola, who is now a teacher in a government school in Oklahoma. Her second husband, William Rollman, now resides in Iowa. They have one child.

(3) William Henry, in business in Kansas City, is married and has one child.

In 1892 he was married to Bertha C. Heisey, a native of Pennsylvania, widow of Philip C. Heisey. They have no children.

Besides being a farmer, gardener, stockman and horticulturist, William J. Davis is also a great hunter and fisherman. It has been his custom for several years to spend his winters on the gulf coast of Florida, where fishing for game fish is a rare sport. Mr. Davis has many rare specimens of forest, field and stream, which he exhibits with delight. He is a man of remarkable physique, being able now, at the age of 82 years, to sit on a chair and place his leg over his shoulders and around his neck, a feat which very few men at any age in life can accomplish.

Some years ago, when Mr. Davis concluded to sell the "Evergreen Stock Farm" and lead a more retired life, he erected a modern home in Lockwood on an eight-acre tract within the city limits. To his lawn he moved from his farm a large number of evergreen trees, many

... inches in ... feet high. So
... was he in this enterprise that in less than two
... his home had the appearance of having been
settled 20 years or more. On this lawn and eight-acre
tract Mr. Davis has grown many rare plants, shrubs and
curious trees.

Industry and tenacity of purpose has been the watch-
word of Mr. Davis' life. While he has accumulated a
large amount of property, mostly the fruit of his own
industry, he has also been generous, giving to his children
abundantly. He is still active and able to do as much or
more work than many men 25 years his junior.

His wife is a member of the M. E. church, Mr. Davis
being a Baptist, but not an attendant. He is the oldest
living member of the local Odd Fellow lodge, has filled all
the chairs in the subordinate lodge, and also the encamp-
ment. He votes the Republican ticket and takes a great
interest in current events. He has traveled extensively,
attended many national conventions and expositions, is
well posted on many topics, is peculiar in this, that there
never was another man just like him, and as long as Dade
County history is read, written or talked about, the name
of William J. Davis will always find a place upon its
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LEWIS C. DUNAWAY.

Lewis C. Dunaway, better known as "Whig" Dun-
away, all-around farmer, and good citizen of Dadeville,
Dade County, Missouri, is known to almost every man,
woman and child in the county. He is a native son, having
been born in Sac Township December 19th, 1846, a son of
Lewis T. and Jane (English) Dunaway, both natives of
Tennessee, where they were married in Ray County and
emigrated to Dade County, Missouri, in 1835. They set-
tled on Sac river and farmed there until 1850, when he
sold out and moved to Crisp Prairie, east of Dadeville,
and he died near Rolla in 1861, his wife living for many
years after. Lewis T. Dunaway was an outspoken and

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G. W. HAMIC AND WIFE.



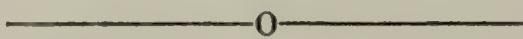
ROBERT SPAIN AND WIFE.

fearless Whig in politics, and it was his reputation along this line that gave Lewis C., his son, and subject of this sketch, the nickname of "Whig," and while everyone knows Whig, very few would know who you meant if you should speak of him as Lewis C.

Whig Dunaway remained at home, working at farming, until the Civil war broke out, and during the war, up to 1865, when he enlisted in Company E, Fourteenth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, but only served for seven months, although it wasn't his fault, for the war closed, and friend Whig had to go back to farming, which he did, opening up his operations on 180 acres of good prairie land east of Dadeville. This land was unimproved, and Whig went to work with a will, for it is safe to say that he had visions of a coming of an important event in his life, for he worked as never before nor since. He broke up 40 acres of that raw land with steers, fenced it, built a small house, and, you bet, got married. He married Miss Sarah Jane Rector December 20th, 1868, who was a native of Tennessee, born there May 31, 1850, and a daughter of Grigsby Rector and Angeline Butler, his wife, both natives of Tennessee, where they were married and came to Dade County in the year 1852, settling west of Dadeville on 160 acres of government land. Mr. Rector was a Confederate soldier and was killed during the war at Lone Jack, Mo. Whig Dunaway made no mistake in his choice of a wife, for she was made of the same high-grade material as he, so they did not surprise anyone when they began to get to the front at once. They stuck to farming, and made a business of it, stayed at the same good old place for twenty-five years, prospered, and kept buying land until at one time they had 480 acres of as good soil as Dade County affords. In 1889 they decided to move to Dadeville, having sold some of their land and given some to their children. In 1901 they bought 36 acres practically in the town of Dadeville, and remodeled the residence which now is one of the very best in the town. Besides this town property, they also own 120 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway have raised a fine family. Of their

ten children, eight are living and are a credit to the county and the name of Dunaway. In order of their birth, they are: Amos, born October 25th, 1869, died in infancy; Charlie, May 12, 1871; Anna M., born August 21, 1872, now Mrs. Thad Kirby of North Morgan; Nora J., born May 29, 1875, now Mrs. Charles McNeal of Cedar County; Theron, born April 29, 1878; Lucretia, born January 13th, 1881, now Mrs. Roscoe Pyle of Carthage, Mo.; Lucy E., born September 16th, 1883, now Mrs. Orris Landers, and lives east of Dadeville; Margaret, born February 25th, 1886, and now a teacher of Roswell, N. M.; Zola P., born December 11th, 1889, now Mrs. Roy Davis of South Morgan; Wilford C., born August 22nd, 1892, of Dadeville. Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway have 18 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway are consistent members of the Church of Christ. Mr. Dunaway is a staunch Republican, and can always be found ready to do his duty to his county and state. A broad-minded man, ever ready with his means to further any cause for the betterment of the county, and a man of strict honor, he numbers his friends by the hundreds, and you would have to look a long, long time to find any person who would or could say aught but good of our friend and fellow-citizen, Lewis C. (Whig) Dunaway.



WILLIAM R. DYE.

Ex-Judge William R. Dye, a resident of Everton, is one of Dade County's most prominent men. He was born in Monroe County, Missouri, April 23rd, 1854, the son of Edward Dye and Celia Ann Fletcher, his wife. The father was also a native of Monroe County, where his parents were early settlers and where Edward grew to manhood and became a farmer and married, but died in early life; in fact, when William R., his only child, was only three weeks old. Mrs. Dye was a native of Monroe County, where her father, also, was an early settler. Mrs. Dye again married and raised a large family by her second husband, who was B. F. Fugate. The record of

this second family is as follows: James is a farmer of Polk County; John is a large ranchman of California; Solomon E. is a farmer of Hickory County; Charles of Oklahoma; Richard is a real estate dealer in Arkansas; Henry lives in Polk Township, Dade County; Albert of Hickory County; Joseph is a farmer living near Elktown, Mo., and Elizabeth, who is now Mrs. T. Martin of Dallas County, Missouri.

William R. Dye had the usual experiences of the farmer boy. He came to Dade County in 1874 and attended school at Dadeville, after which he taught school in this county for fifteen years, and during this time he did some farming. In 1891 he entered the mercantile business at Everton, opening up a general store in a small frame building. He prospered, and later he bought his present two-story brick building and put in a large stock of general merchandise. In 1879 Mr. Dye married Dorothy A. Cowan, who was born near Dadeville September 25th, 1860, a daughter of Robert and Margaret Cowan. Robert Cowan was a farmer near Dadeville, and was in the Civil war under Captain Morris as his lieutenant.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dye have been born six children, as follows: Margaret, born March 8th, 1881, died November 8th, 1884; Ella, born January 9th, 1884, is now Mrs. L. C. Snoddy of Ash Grove, and she has one daughter, Anneta; Albert, born March 6th, 1887, is in the store with his father; Pearl, born August 10th, 1889, married Charles Moody, a banker of Wentworth, Mo.; Clarence Cowan, born March 8th, 1892, is a telegraph operator; Rosa Gail, born June 12th, 1897, is now attending Drury College at Springfield.

William R. Dye has been and is very prominent in county affairs. He is a staunch Republican and has served with great credit to himself as judge of the county court. He and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder. Rev. W. R. Russell is now pastor of their church, and it is a pleasant fact to record that he has been their pastor ever since he performed their marriage ceremony in 1879, and it was Rev.

Russell who officiated at the marriage of three of their children. Mr. Dye is a remarkable man, and to say that he has made good in every respect would be stating a strict fact. He has prospered greatly and is today one of our most substantial citizens. Besides mercantile interests, he is a large land owner, and is the best and most sought after auctioneer in the county, for at almost every large sale taking place in the county you will see his smiling face and hear his voice. Truly, Mr. Dye is one of our best-known men. He has lived a clean life in every way, and his honest business methods have built up for him a name second to none in this county. A large-hearted man, he is withal a kindly, courteous gentleman, the exact kind of which we need many more within our boundaries. He is now serving as acting mayor of Everton.

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WILLIAM ROBINSON EATON.
Deceased.

It would be impossible to write a history of the business development of Dade County, and especially our thriving city of Lockwood, and not pay high tribute to the memory of the late William R. Eaton. Although coming to us late, considering the very early organization of the county, he brought with him an energy and fine business training much needed in our commercial life. He was, at once, a decided success, known far and wide for his honest business methods, and made us feel and know that a man in the truest sense of the word had come to be one of us. His stay was altogether too short, and this feeble sketch is as little as we can do to perpetuate the memory of this good man, our lamented brother and fine citizen.

Mr. Eaton was born in Wisconsin August 16th, 1861, the son of William Tracy and Loverna (Robinson) Eaton. Mr. Eaton Sr. was a merchant of Grand Rapids, Mich., and his son, William R., was reared in that city, having been taken there by his father at the age of 4 years, and

received the advantage of a good education, having graduated from the Grand Rapids High School and later from one of the leading business colleges of that city.

Very soon after graduation he entered the employ of a large Chicago business house, for whom he kept books for sometime, and eventually became connected with the Williams Lumber Company of Springfield, Mo. By them he was sent to Lebanon, Mo., to take charge of their large lumber interests there, and it was greatly to his credit that in a serious lumber fight he won out, and was sent to Humansville and later to Golden City making good to a marked degree in both places. Then, in 1888, he cast his lot in our midst, coming to Lockwood, where, after working for about one year, he bought a one-half interest in a lumber yard. He was not long in acquiring the entire business, and did business under the name of the W. R. Eaton Lumber Co., incorporated, and for over 25 years Mr. Eaton was its sole manager.

It is to be noted that Mr. Eaton had little capital when he first launched for himself in Lockwood, but by thoroughly honorable business methods and an untiring energy he built up a business that, at the time of his sudden death, May 4th, 1914, he had an investment of \$25,000, and had added a large stock of farming implements to his lumber interests.

Mr. Eaton was twice married, first at the early age of 20 years, and has a daughter, Helen, who is now Mrs. Glenarven Behymer, the wife of one of the leading attorneys of Los Angeles, Cal., and they have one child, Mary Louise.

On January 1st, 1900, Mr. Eaton married Grace (Hull) Holland, who was born in Clinton, Ill., the daughter of Ansel and Elizabeth (Bates) Hull. By her first marriage Mrs. Eaton had one son, Harold Hull Holland, who is now one of our rising young business men, being associated with his mother in the lumber business. Mr. Holland is married to Miss Kittie Lee, formerly of Miller, Mo., and they have one daughter, Dorothy Lee Holland. Mr. and Mrs. William R. Eaton have four children, as follows,

all of whom are at home with Mrs. Eaton: Ruth Elizabeth, William Robert, Grace Loverna and Elsie Rebecca. Mr. Eaton was an independent voter and took great interest in civic affairs. He was a valuable member of the Presbyterian church and very active in Sunday school work, having served as superintendent for a number of years and was elder in the church for some 12 years. He was an Odd Fellow, K. of P. and Modern Woodman. Peace to his memory.

MRS. W. R. EATON LUMBER COMPANY OF LOCK- WOOD, MO.

Mrs. W. R. Eaton, Manager.

The large lumber interests of the above-named company are the legitimate outcome of the efforts of the late William R. Eaton, extended mention of whom is made in another part of this volume. The business was established by Mr. Eaton about 1889. At the time of his untimely and unexpected demise, Mrs. W. R. Eaton, his wife, took active and immediate charge of the large business, and to this day, be it said, to her wonderful business ability, she has successfully managed its affairs and greatly added thereto.

This is the day of business women, it is said, but we of Dade County have few instances, in fact, none, where a business of such magnitude and complications is managed entirely by one of the fair sex.

Mrs. Eaton was born in Clinton, Ill., had the advantage of a good education, has improved her opportunities, and taken life seriously, and the result is that instead of having to dispose of a large, lucrative business on account of the death of its founder, she was well equipped to take the reins and not only keep it alive but to cope with the competition incident and accomplish greater business success. This company is known far and wide for its fair treatment of its customers and the pleasing personality of the manager, Mrs. Eaton, is making itself felt everywhere.

Mrs. Eaton can furnish you with anything in the building line, can make your estimates in the most approved and up to date fashion, and sell you a bill of goods that you can rely upon, and do it so pleasantly that you are glad to part with the money. All honor to our one and only business woman of the first rank. Mrs. Eaton is something of a farmer, too, owning and managing considerable acreage. In addition to her large business, this finely-educated and courteous lady finds time to devote to her church. She and her family are a credit to our county and city. May she live long and never leave us. We need more like her.

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WILLIAM N. EDGE.

Is a native of Dade County and was born where he now lives, in South Morgan Township, on the 26th day of December, 1865, a son of Jonathan and Barbara Ann (Cook) Edge. Henry Edge, his grandfather, and wife were natives of Tennessee, were married there, and Jonathan Edge was also born in Tennessee. His grandparents came to Dade County overland, in an ox wagon, bringing a family of children with them. Jonathan Edge was twice married. His first wife was Beckie McClure. She died, leaving seven children, three of whom are still living. They are Mrs. Clate Hargrave of Walnut Grove, Mrs. Steve Gray of Polk County and Mrs. Maggie Baty of Polk County. Of the second family of children, William N. Edge is the oldest. Mary, who is now Mrs. George Clemmons, lives in the state of Washington. Roxana died at the age of 20 years. Luella, his youngest sister, is now Mrs. L. E. Brown, and also resides in the state of Washington.

Jonathan Edge took up 160 acres of land in South Morgan Township, which was unimproved. He broke it up with an ox team, farmed it in a primitive manner, and prospered. He built a frame house out of native walnut, dash-sawing the weather-boarding and shingles. It was built at a very early date, and was so substantial

William N. Edge still occupies it as his home. Jonathan was a good farmer, a substantial citizen, a man in politics, and an active member of the M. E. church. His wife was also his wife.

William N. Edge has always lived on the old homestead. His father in his lifetime divided the land among his children, but by purchase from the other heirs William has acquired title to 100 acres, upon which he lives, farms and prospers. The entire 100 acres is in cultivation and well watered.

Mr. Edge has made considerable improvement in the way of wire fencing and outbuildings, so that now he has a fine farm, well improved. He raises full-blood Hereford cattle. His herd is headed by a registered bull, "Beau Sentinel." He has six registered cows. He also raises Poland-China hogs and has a fine flock of Shropshire sheep.

William N. Edge was married on the 3rd day of October, 1886, to Florilla Walker, a native of Ohio, born April 14th, 1866, daughter of James W. Walker. He was an old soldier and lived retired for years.

William N. Edge and wife are the parents of six children, five of whom are living, one dying in infancy. Those living are:

(1) Sadie, married Tom Glaze, live in Dadeville, and have four children.

(2) Emma, married William Pyle, and lives in Dadeville. They have six children.

(3) Earl Edger, married Blanch Cannady, a native of Dade County. He is a business man in Kansas, and they have two children.

(5) Willie, married Kib Brame, a farmer of Polk Township.

(5) Frank is still at home.

William N. Edge is a Republican, a member of the Township Board, has served on the school board, drives an Overland car, is a booster for good roads, good schools, and is in every way a most desirable citizen of the community.



DAVID HIGGINS AND WIFE.

JACOB EIRSMAN.

Was born in the state of Pennsylvania August 25th, 1833, son of Christian and Katie (Harsy) Eirsman, of Swiss and German parentage. They settled in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1836, where they farmed until 1870, when they came to Audrain County, Missouri. Christian Eirsman died in Missouri at the age of 73 years, and his widow went back to Ohio, where she died at the advanced age of 94 years.

Jacob Eirsman remained at home until 18 years of age, working on the farm and working out. At the age of 23 he learned the milling trade, and followed that occupation until 1882. He followed this occupation in Greene County, Illinois, and in 1882 came to Audrain County, Missouri, where he purchased land and farmed there until coming to Dade County in 1893. His first purchase in Dade County was 37 acres adjoining Greenfield on the southwest. He lived on this place ten years, then moved to Greenfield. He has owned several farms in the county and is now the owner of a fine home in the city of Greenfield, also a farm of 189 acres a few miles northwest of the city, well improved, which he gives his personal attention. He also owns an improved farm of 130 acres in Greene County, Illinois, and 80 acres in Texas.

Jacob Eirsman was married on the 27th day of October, 1859, to Rachel Crummell, born July 4th, 1839, in Ohio. She died in Illinois February 16th, 1906, leaving two living children, one of whom has since died.

Mr. and Mrs. Eirsman were the parents of three children:

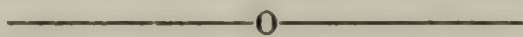
(1) Katie, born August 20th, 1860, married M. E. McMahan of Illinois, where they now live. Mr. McMahan is a prominent citizen of Greene County, Illinois, a Justice of the Peace and a successful business man.

(2) Mary Frances, born in 1870 and died in 1875.

(3) Victor Lee, born August 9th, 1879, died May 6th, 1908. He married Bessie Finley, daughter of Albert Finley, and left three children, Katharine Marie, Tom

Crummell and Alberta Lee. Mr. Eirsman makes his home with Bessie Eirsman and family in Greenfield. He is a member of the Baptist church and was made an Odd Fellow in 1857.

Although 84 years of age, Mr. Eirsman is as active as many men 20 years his junior. He personally conducts his farming and stock raising operations on his farm, is able to do a good day's work at manual labor and his memory is as sound as his physical body. His garden, the product of his own labor, has for many years been the pride and envy of all his neighbors. During the summer months the rising sun finds Mr. Eirsman busy with the hoe or other implement of industry, and in the winter months he is not idle.



DAVID F. EDMONSON.

Born in Greene County, Missouri, in Walnut Grove, April 2nd, 1859, son of Stephen A and Louisa (Looney) Edmonson. Stephen A. Edmonson was born in 1833 and died December 23rd, 1906. Louisa Edmonson was born in 1834 and now resides at Walnut Grove, in comparatively good health.

David F. Edmonson received his education in the common schools of the community and entered the teachers' profession at the age of 21 years. He taught one term of school before his marriage, and six terms afterwards in Polk and Dade counties. He was married November 16th, 1881 to Miss Ophelia G. Cantrell, who was born February 20th, 1863, daughter of Elcanah and Prudilla (Speight) Cantrell. The Cantrells and the Speights were pioneer families of Dade County. To this union were born six children:

(1) Jesse, born January 11th, 1886, married Fay Carlock, January 11th, 1906.

(2) Alice, born December 22nd, 1888, married Gordon Dodd, and lives in Springfield.

(3) Alfred Ray, born August 18th, 1890, married

Elva Hargraves October 15th, 1913, lives in Polk County, and is a school teacher by profession.

(3) Madge, born September 20th, 1894, is a school teacher, now attending business college in Springfield.

(5) Allen B., born October 11th, 1897, is now attending High School at Walnut Grove.

(6) Mildred L., born January 8th, 1901, is now in High School at Walnut Grove.

The mother of these children died May 21st, 1911.

On the 25th day of December, 1912, David F. Edmonson was married to Mrs. Hattie M. (Matthews) Cunningham, widow of H. Albert Cunningham, a native of Dade County. She was the mother of three children prior to her marriage to Mr. Edmonson:

(1) Mabel L., born July 3rd, 1887, married Emery Clements, a merchant, who is now employed as general manager of the Kresge 5-and-10-cent store in Milwaukee, Wis. They have one child, Emery Richard Jr.

(2) Iva M., born November 8th, 1890, lives in Milwaukee.

(3) Laclede, born March 5th, 1893, married Imogene Brown, a Kansas City girl, and they live in Colorado and have one son, Henry Albert Cunningham.

Mr. Edmonson farmed on rented land for a number of years, teaching school in the meantime, saved his money, and in 1891 he bought the old Bill Crawford farm of 200 acres, mostly on time. In a few years he paid off the mortgage cleared out the timber, fenced and cross-fenced, and improved the dwelling, so that now it is a fine seven-room house, with two halls, toilet and bath. The house is modern in every respect, including a sewage system. He has a splendid well, drilled 200 feet, and water raises within four feet of top of ground. This is practically an artesian well, with cold, soft water. He utilizes a gasoline engine for pumping purposes, has pressure tank in cellar with connections for irrigating lawn and garden. He also uses a windmill in connection with the farm watering system. The farm improvements include two large, modern barns.

Mr. Edmonson makes a specialty of raising high-class cattle, horses and mules, and he is an enthusiastic exhibitor of prize-winning stock at the various county and district fairs. Some of his mules, especially, have brought record-breaking prices. He usually feeds many hogs for the market. Mr. Edmonson has a 40-acre field of alfalfa, which has flourished beyond his most ardent expectations. In short, Mr. Edmonson has a model stock and grain farm, highly improved, rich soil, well watered, conveniently located, and one of which he is justly proud.

Mr. Edmonson is a Baptist, while Mrs. Edmonson is a member of the Christian church. He is a Democrat in politics and a stickler for good roads. He has always taken a prominent part in school matters and has served on the school board for many years.

Perhaps, if one should search for the key to Mr. Edmonson's success in life, he would find it in this: That he puts his whole life and soul into his work, declaring that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well. He is not satisfied with anything short of the very best. When he works it is for the purpose of accomplishing a well-defined purpose, and there is no let-up until the object of his labor is accomplished.

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MRS. MATILDA (LACK) EVANS.

Before Dade County was known, at the time when this district was known as Barry County, John and Sarah (Hasten) Lack moved from Virginia to Dade County and bought a claim. This was in the year 1839, 77 years ago. At this time there were but few settlers in all this region of country. They came to Boonville by water and from there to Dade County overland, the primitive way.

“Aunt Tilly” was 7 years old at the time her parents moved to this county, she being the third in birth of a family of 11 children, having been born in Virginia April 23rd, 1832. The elder Lacks began to farm soon after they purchased a claim in Lockwood-Greenfield district,

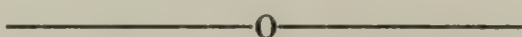
and by careful management and sagacious living, there were added to that Lack homestead 800 acres of land, known to this day as the Lack Settlement, and much of it is still owned by his heirs. "Aunt Tilly" was born in Virginia, the mother of presidents. From her parents she inherited an ambitious spirit and a strong determination to win in every life attempt. Soon after her Dade County citizenship began she determined to gain the best education possible, therefore her parents provided for her the best opportunity possible. Her early girl life is closely linked with the school history of the county, so much so that it is difficult to mention the early school history of Greenfield without mentioning her name. All the oldest settlers delight to talk about the school interests in those days, and none of them fail to mention "Aunt Tilly." According to the memory of the oldest inhabitants, it was a very difficult matter for members of her class to keep pace with her in her studies. She has always possessed a splendid memory. While other students were fretting over hard problems, she would solve them and have plenty of time for recreation and amusement. Her bright, witty brain always afforded pleasure for her companions and her knowledge of matters and various problems gave her a wide circle of friends.

When true character clothes the life there is nothing that can foil its purpose. Determination to win is a great asset. After a time, when, becoming a young woman, school days became more interesting to "Aunt Tilly," because of the fact that her life dream was about to come true—she should become a master of a school room and lead others in the paths of education. In 1866 she began teaching, and she kept on teaching a few years after she and Mr. Evans were married. She taught at the famous Honey Creek school house over in Pennsylvania Prairie., the school that has one of the richest histories it is possible to find, and which is treated in another chapter. She also taught near Arcola, as well as in Center Township. Many of the tow-headed boys and girls of age remember her well as their teacher and friend. At this time Green-

field was in her swaddling garments, and the old log school house served the purpose of church functions, as well as school. Helm Wetzel, Samuel Weir and other well-known citizens were her schoolmates. One school house then stood in the vicinity of the Edward Shaw garage, and another stood in the neighborhood of the Dr. Bailey home, now the property of Mrs. Dr. Martin. Another chapter will give full account of the early school houses.

The lilies of the valley give no sweeter charm than a white-headed old couple on their march to the eternal sea. Both fitness and worth surely mark the characters of "Uncle George" and "Aunt Tilly." They bear a charm in age that wins the admiration of the student, the common day man, the man in business, or the man of leisure. Their heads are white-capped with the snows of many winters, yet their hearts are warmed by the returning of spring time and early summer sunrays of hope, confidence and trust. When they depart an entire county will mourn.

Mrs. Virginia Pearson and Alexander Lack of Lockwood are sister and brother to "Aunt Tilly," and John Lack of Center Township is also a brother. The history of the Lack family is too important to omit from the history of our county and people.



SAMUEL FARMER.

Was born in Dade County, Missouri, near Seybert, November 4th, 1867, son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Cox) Farmer, both natives of Tennessee, and married there. They came to Dade County in the early 50's and settled near Seybert. Here they farmed for many years, raising a family of 9 children, Samuel being next to the youngest. Four of these children are still living. One brother, William, lives in Oklahoma; one sister, Sarah, is now Mrs. John Harlow of Louisiana, and one sister, Evaline, is now Mrs. James Morris, and lives in Aurora.

Samuel Farmer was 13 years of age when his father died, and from then on he fought his own way in the

world. He worked out at anything and could find to do for seven years, then entered ing business at Seybert. At this time the Seybert was owned by J. F. Johnson, and he remained in this employment for 27 years, working with Mr. Johnson, Mr. C. W. Montgomery, and later with Arkley Frieze. He became an expert miller, and in 1914 purchased the Hulston mill from the Nixon estate. On acquiring this property, he refitted and remodeled the same, giving it a capacity of 25 barrels per day, with a saw mill in connection. It is now in first class condition, equipped with a 24-horsepower engine, driven by a 30-horsepower boiler, and it is only possible to estimate the extent of the waterpower which, with a fair head of water, his turbine wheels would easily develop 100-horsepower or more. He has made a specialty of manufacturing Red Seal first-grade and Purity, a second-grade, flour, brands which are known all over the country for their excellence. He also buys all kinds of grain and produce.

In addition to his mercantile business, Mr. Farmer also does custom grinding, which is a great accommodation to the surrounding community. There are 11 acres of land belonging to this mill site, and the entire plant represents an investment of \$5,000. Mr. Farmers' dwelling is located on this 11-acre tract.

Mr. Farmer was married on the 2nd day of September, 1888, to Miss Lake Pyle, a daughter of Carter and Sarah (Grant) Pyle, whose history will appear in a more extended form in another part of this volume.

To this union were born 11 children: Howard M., Sarah E., Mary, Mabel, Blossom, Nona, Eula, Frieda, Archie, Carter and Hazel. Three are married. Howard married Anna Woody. They have one child. Sarah E. married Dennis Jennings, and lives near Seybert. They have two children. Mary married Ira H. Hall, Sheriff of Dade County. They have one child.

Mr. Farmer is a Republican. He and his wife are each members of the Christian church, and he has been an Elder for some years. Mr. Farmer is a type of those

who are self-made. Notwithstanding the poverty in his early days and the burden of raising a large family, he has faced the struggle cheerfully, and has succeeded.

WILLIAM LEE FERGUSON.

One of the prominent financiers and business men of Dade County was born September 18th, 1870, in Lafayette County, Missouri, son of Richard and Mary J. (McLay) Ferguson. His father was born in Kentucky February 17th, 1839, while his mother was born in Indiana August 27th, 1840. His father died during the year 1906, while his mother had departed this life in 1876.

Richard Ferguson was of Scotch-Irish parentage, being a son of John Henry Ferguson, who was born in England. He was a farmer by occupation and came to Missouri in 1860 and located in Lafayette County, where for a number of years he enjoyed a fair measure of success. He afterward purchased a farm and moved to Johnson County, where he spent the remainder of his days. During the Civil war he aligned himself with the Confederate cause, and part of his military service was as a private in a division commanded by General Price. He was a Democrat in politics and early in life united with the Christian church.

Mary J. Ferguson was also of Scotch-Irish parentage, and came to Lafayette County in a very early day. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are buried in Lafayette County, at the Mt. Tabor cemetery. She was a member of the Christian church. Five children were born of this marriage:

(1) John Chapman, born in Lafayette County June 10th, 1863, died December 21st, 1913.

(2) Jennie L., born in Kentucky May 31st, 1865, married J. S. Gilliland, a farmer, living at Holden, Mo.

(3) James Walter, born in Kentucky October 27th, 1867, died March 28th, 1886.

(4) William Lee, the subject of this sketch.

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(5) Sallie G., born in Lafayette County May 17th, 1873, married W. D. Utt, a farmer, living near Holden, Mo.

A very interesting relic, now in the possession of William L. Ferguson, is a very ancient book, considerably more than 100 years old. It is a small account book, originally intended for "Tides men to keep their accounts of delivery of goods from on shipboard." It was evidently owned and used by Ralph Gorrell during the 18th century as a Tidesman's record, but was afterwards transformed into a family record. The original cash entries were in pounds, shillings and pence, and seemed to be for "indigo." The first entry of a birth record reads: "Ralph G. Maxwell, born October 23rd, 1803." Then follows the names and dates of births and deaths, with the notation that they were born in Ireland. Adison C. DeLay was born July 24th, 1809, in France. These were great-grandparents of William L. Ferguson on his mother's side. The book has every appearance of extreme old age, being bound in sheepskin, the pages being yellow with age. The entry on the last page in the book is of special interest: "February 1st, 1801, Robert Gorrell, Dr. to David Gorrell, to cash lent you, 6 pounds, 10 shillings, North Carolina currency."

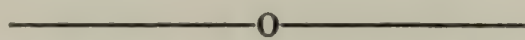
William L. Ferguson was raised on a farm, attended the country schools, after which he took a course at the State Normal at Warrensburg. He then taught for two years in the country schools, and afterwards was principal of the schools in Holden, Mo., for three years, and was also principal of the schools at Hallsville, in Boone County, for three years. He came from Holden to South Greenfield in May, 1904, and engaged in the general merchandise business with J. L. Gilliland. After one and a half years he became interested in, and, with others, organized the Farmers' State Bank at South Greenfield, and later became its cashier, which position he still holds.

Mr. Ferguson was married in Greenfield, Mo., December 22nd, 1901, to May Boisseau, daughter of C. D. and Sythia Jane (Gilliland) Boisseau, her father being one of the influential citizens of Dade County, having been a

member of the state legislature from Dade County for two terms and prominent in Republican politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are the parents of one child, Lucy Lee, born August 6th, 1906. Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Christian church, while Mrs. Ferguson holds membership in the Presbyterian church at Greenfield. He is an Odd Fellow, a M. W. A., a Democrat in politics, and, while not an office-seeker, he has held many positions of honor and trust in his community. He has been Trustee and Treasurer of Washington Township since its organization, was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the village school at South Greenfield, was active in the erection of the school building, has served many years on the school board, both as director and treasurer, which position he now holds, and is treasurer of the city of South Greenfield and of the I. O. O. F. lodge of that place.

Mr. Ferguson has been one of the leading spirits in the good-roads movement in Dade County, and as a member of the Washington Township organization, and also as president of the Good-Roads Committee of that township he worked incessantly for the best interests of the township in the matter of voting bonds for the construction of 17 miles of rock road in his township, and it was largely due to his executive ability in the matter of expenditures that the township was able to build such good roads..



THOMAS RANDOLPH FINLEY.

Was born in the Territory of Arkansas in 1819 upon a farm, and received only a common school education. He emigrated with his family to Kentucky, where he remained two or three years, and then came to Dade County in 1849 and located on what is now Pilgrim Township, where he bought and entered land. Here he raised his family and accumulated property until his real estate holdings amounted to 180 acres. He was a member of the Home Guards during the Civil war, and a member of the Baptist church, but later became a member of the

Christian church. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a great reader and very conversant with the bible, and engaged in many biblical discussions.

He was married to Mary E. Bandy in Arkansas. She was a member of the Christian church. To this union were born four children, three of whom are living:

- (1) Milton L., a carpenter, now living in Colorado.
- (2) Louisa A., married John M. Shelton.
- (3) Della F., married Robert J. West, and resides near Roberts, Ark.

Louisa A. Finley was married to John M. Shelton November 10th, 1871. He was a son of John D. and Adaline (Brown) Shelton. He was born in Tennessee August 1st, 1847. The family lived in Lawrence County, Missouri, in an early day, and John M. came to Dade County in the 70's, and located near Pilgrim and taught school seven years. He farmed the Finley homestead and died there March 14th, 1891. He was a successful farmer, a member of the Baptist church, belonged to the I. O. O. F. and was a Democrat in politics.

He enlisted in Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment, Missouri Infantry Volunteers, and served six months, until the close of the war. He was but 18 years of age when he enlisted.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton were the parents of three children:

(1) Stella, born on the Finley homestead February 17th, 1873, was educated in the home schools and at Ozark College in Greenfield. Married Albert Daigh October 24th, 1893, son of Thomas J. and Mary J. (Willis) Daigh, one of the pioneer families of Dade County, Richard Willis having settled early in South Township. Albert and Stella Daigh are the parents of one child, Offner V., born June 24th, 1894. His parents reside on a farm in South Township, while Offner is engaged in farming, and also in automobiles.

(2) Luella, born on the Finley homestead October 15th, 1874, married Dr. W. R. Riley of Everton, where she now resides.

(3) Douglas Jones, born on the Finley homestead December 1st, 1883, and is now farming the Finley homestead. He married Myrtle Dickinson, and they have three children, Thomas Randolph, Miriam Lecelia and James Dickinson.

Mrs. Shelton is a member of the Christian church. She moved to Everton in 1906, and is now living a retired life in that city.

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ANDREW JACKSON FRIAR.

It would be impossible to write a complete history of Dade County without the name, "Friar," standing out prominently upon almost every page. The subject of this sketch is a man who is properly styled as being "indigenous to the soil," having spent his entire life upon the old homestead which his grandfather settled in the 30's.

Andrew Jackson Friar was born in Dade County, Missouri, on the 25th day of February, 1863, a son of William and Lucy (Hudspeth) Friar, who were natives of Gilford County, North Carolina. William came to Dade County at the age of 18 years with his father, also named William Friar, in the 30's. They came overland with ox teams, and settled upon the farm where Mr. Friar now lives, his grandfather taking up about 400 acres of choice land along Turnback creek, much of which was splendid bottom land. On this farm his grandfather and grandmother lived, served, sacrificed and died. They raised a family of eight children, all of whom are dead except Susan Preston, widow of Isaac Preston (deceased), who is still active even at the extreme age of 84 years.

William Friar, the father of Andrew J. Friar, was married in Dade County, Missouri, to Lucy Hudspeth, daughter of Andrew Hudspeth, once sheriff of the county. William stayed with the old home place, and after the death of his father bought out the other heirs and made the place of his choice his permanent home.

In the exciting days of 1849 William contracted the "gold fever," and, like the Argonauts of old, he set sail in a Prairie Schooner to the golden fields of California, and after a period of some years returned home with a goodly supply of the yellow metal. William Friar was the father of seven children, Andrew J. being the third son. Thad and Robert died in Dade County years ago. William lives in Dade County. Nannie, now Mrs. Judson Adamson lives in Lawrence County. Susan died when 2 years of age, and Lula died at the age of 5 years.

William Friar was a Democrat, served during the Civel war in the Home Guards under Colonel Bailey, and is buried at the Shiloh cemetery. He owned 240 acres of land at the time of his death, was a good man, a successful farmer, took great delight in live stock, was an upright Christian gentleman, a member of the M. E. church (South), and died as he lived, honored and respected by the people who knew him best.

Andrew J. Friar has always lived upon the original Friar homestead. At his mother's death, in connection with his brother, he purchased the interest of the remaining heirs, and divided the farm so that he acquired 160 acres, including the dwelling house built by his father in 1876. His entire life has been spent upon the farm, and contentment is his priceless heritage. Since purchasing the farm he has erected a large barn, added to the comfort and convenience of the dwelling, and made other valuable improvements in order to more successfully carry on his farming and live stock enterprises.

On the 7th day of May, 1893, he married Mollie Ruark, a native of Lawrence County, who was born July 10th, 1873, a daughter of Joshua Wheeler Ruark and Selina (Sutton) Ruark, the former being a native of Indiana and the latter of Newton County, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Ruark were married in Newton County, Missouri. Joshua Wheeler Ruark died in Lawrence county June 6th, 1902, at his farm, where he had resided 36 years, and his funeral was attended by practically

every citizen in the community. His remains were buried in the Sychamore cemetery of that neighborhood.

Joshua W. Ruark was 6 years old when he first came to Dade County. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the Federal army and served over three years in Company L, Eighth Missouri State Militia. He was captured twice and barely escaped being shot while in the hands of "Bushwhackers." At one time he and a companion were in swimming, when his companion was shot, and Mr. Ruark barely escaped a like fate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruark were the parents of six children:

(1) Theodosia, married William Friar, brother of Andrew J. Friar.

(2) Belle, now Mrs. James McPherson of Lawrence County.

(3) Walter, a resident of Lawrence County.

(4) Mollie, wife of Andrew J. Friar of Dade County, Missouri.

(5) Ely, a resident of Lawrence County.

(6) Luther, living at Miller, Lawrence County.

Andrew J. Friar and wife have a family of five children:

(1) Wana, born March 25th, 1894, married McKinley Terrell, a farmer of Lawrence County, Missouri. They have one child, Loreva, born September 17th, 1915.

(2) Freddie, born September 13th, 1895, married Earl Meek of Dade County, a farmer living near Emmett. They have one child, Willard, born February 29th, 1916.

(3) Joshua, born October 5th, 1897.

(4) Lelah, born November 12th, 1901.

(5) Vensel, born February 12th, 1911.

Mr. Friar's farm is well adapted to stock raising, being well watered by Turnback creek, and produces bluegrass in abundance. He makes a specialty of Short-horn cattle and Shropshire sheep, and annually raises a large number of hogs. A gasoline engine is utilized in pumping water, washing and operating other farm machinery.

Mr. Friar and wife are members of the M. E. church (South), in which organization he is a Trustee, and both are much interested in the various enterprises of the church. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Township Board and for two years served as Justice of the Peace. Fraternally Mr. Friar holds membership in the A. F. & A. M. and the W. O. W. at Everton.

Tireless industry, unflinching honesty and sterling integrity are the characteristics which have marked the life of Mr. Friar, and contributed to its unmeasured success. He is one of the landmarks socially, morally and financially in the community in which he lives.

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WILLIAM FRIAR.

In recounting the early history of the Friar family, their geneology, early settlement and achievements, the attention of the reader is called to the extended statement given in the history of Andrew Jackson Friar, found under the proper caption in this volume.

William Friar, the subject of this sketch, was born on the Friar homestead in South Township on the waters of Turnback May 20th, 1865. His early life was spent on the farm, working for and with his father. He was educated in the public schools of the county, and on May 26th, 1889, he was married to Theodosia Ruark, a Lawrence County girl, who was born on the 25th day of July, 1866. Her father, Joshua Wheeler Rurak, was one of the most prominent citizens of Lawrence County. There were six children born of this union, viz:

(1) Joshua Floyd, born May 9th, 1890. Married to Alice Terrel November 9th, 1913. Alice was born in Lawrence County. Two children were born of this marriage, Orris, born October 23rd, 1914, and Harland Theodore, born October 8th, 1916.

(2) Susan, born August 28th, 1891. Married August 17th, 1913, to Marion Loyd Irby.

(3) Elsa, born November 13th, 1893.

(4) Willie, born August 24th, 1896.

(5) Mollie, born January 31st, 1898.

(6) Nannie, born January 21st, 1900.

In the year of 1890 William Frair bought 80 acres of land from George Lieuallen, which was little improved, and upon which was a small house. In 1910 he erected a nice frame dwelling and other outbuildings.

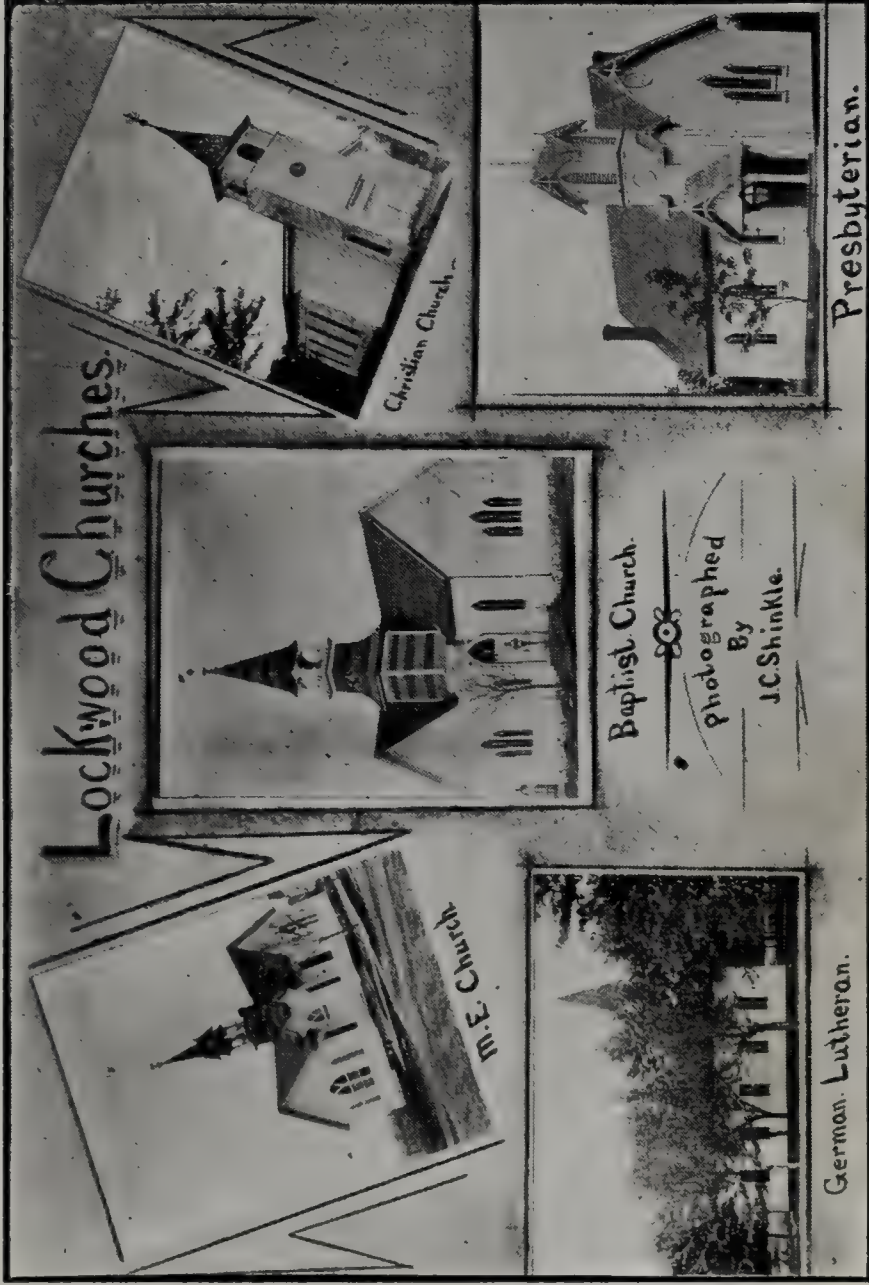
At his mother's death he purchased an additional 80 acres of No. 1 land in Turnback bottom, which he has since highly improved. In company with his brother, he is the owner of a registered jack named "Thunder," imported from Tennessee, and is engaged in breeding and raising mules for the market. His farm is well stocked with cattle, hogs and sheep, having a splendid flock of Shropshires, headed by a registered buck. Turnback creek furnishes a never-failing supply of stock water, which is materially augmented with wells and a windmill.

In politics he is a Democrat, and his official life has been confined to serving two years upon the district school board. Mr. Friar's ambition in life has been directed toward the establishment of a comfortable farm home, surrounding himself with the comforts and conveniences suitable to his station in life, cultivating the spirit of contentment and enjoying the benefits which come to one who is willing to devote his time and talents to the accomplishment of a well-defined purpose. "By their fruits ye shall know them," and by this standard Mr. Friar is willing to be judged.

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ROBERT LEE FRIAR.

Born in Dade County, Missouri, July 11th, 1860, a son of William and Lucy (Hudspeth) Friar. While in the very prime of life, the Death Angel called, and he answered the summons. His demise occurred on the 25th day of February, 1893, he being a little less than 33 years of age. He was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics, but neither an office-holder nor an office-seeker, devoting his entire time and energy to his chosen calling. In addition to farming, he handled considerable live stock. He was a man of integrity and high ideals, being a member of the M. E. church (South) at the time of his death.



LOCKWOOD CHURCHES.

He was married on the 20th day of October, 1881, to Arthusa Ann Burton, who was born in Lawrence County August 21st, 1861, a daughter of Milo Burton and Mary (Hood) Burton, whose biographies are given at length under proper caption in this volume. To this union were born five children:

(1) James Burton, born October 30th, 1882, married Florence Pilkington, and lives in Everton. They have one child, Howard Burton Friar.

(2) William Alexander, born October 31st, 1885, married Bytha Mallory, and lives on the homestead with his mother.

(3) Robert E. Lee, born March 4th, 1888, married Tressie Irby, and lives on the home place. They have one child, Velma Lee.

(4) Effie L., born March 13th, 1890.

(5) John D., born May 27th, 1892, died January 13th, 1894.

At the time of his death Mr. Friar was the owner of 292½ acres of land in Dade County. Just at the time when his family needed him the most Mr. Friar was called home, but his faithful wife, with a heroism born of necessity, took upon herself the burden of managing their large farm, the care of the children and the maintenance of the home.

In this unequal struggle against adversity, she was ably assisted by her brother, Walker Burton, who made his home with her for seven years, and materially assisted her in cultivating the farm and supporting the children. The children, too, as they grew older, became a source of aid and comfort, so that in 1907 they were enabled to build a large barn, and in 1911, a splendid farm residence.

The farm is a productive one and supplied with water from everlasting springs. Upon its splendid pastures a number of mules, a herd of grade Whiteface cattle and thrifty Poland-China hogs find ample feeding grounds.

Following in the footsteps of their father, the boys are all Democrats. Notwithstanding the circumstances which demanded the help of the children in the home, Mrs.

Friar has been able to give each of her children a fair chance for a good common school education, and she has borne the affliction of an All-Wise Providence with a fortitude which is commendable to a degree worthy of emulation.

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ARKLEY FRIEZE.

The Frieze family is of German descent coming to America during the 18th century and locating in North Carolina. Later they crossed over the mountains and located in East Tennessee where we find two brothers, Jacob and David who married sisters by the name of Milburn. Jacob Frieze came to Missouri in 1830 and settled in what was then Polk County. David moved to Middle Tennessee, where he raised two sons. The oldest, John Wilkerson Frieze was born August 10th, 1821 and the younger, Crawford Frieze remained in Tennessee while John came to Missouri. Crawford Frieze was a Colonel in the Confederate army and John served three years in the Union army.

John W. Frieze was married in 1840 to Ann Pathiah Mills. To this union were born a family of eight children:

- (1) J. E. Frieze of Cedar County.
- (2) J. A. Frieze, now deceased.
- (3) Arkley Frieze of Seybert, Mo.
- (4) Sarah E., now Mrs. Melcher.
- (5) Saline, was Mrs. Chaney (now deceased).
- (6) Richard Denton, now deceased.
- (7) Margaret Malinda, now Mrs. Wellington Depree of Bona, Mo.
- (8) Idelia, was Mrs. Webb (now deceased).

During the year 1856 John W. Frieze came with his family to Dade County from Tennessee in ox wagons. They came to Dr. Bender's near Dadeville, an old neighbor and friend of the family in Tennessee where they stayed one year. He then moved over on Sons Creek and remained there one year but was so dissatisfied with the country that he loaded up his things and started back to Tennes-

see. He got as far as Lawson Hembree's, near Dadeville, where he was persuaded to remain in Missouri.

At the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted in the 8th Missouri state militia under Captain Kirby and served three years. He participated in the campaigns against the raids of Coffey and Price. He died July 10th, 1881.

Arkley Frieze was born in Overton County, Tenn., May 26, 1845 and came with his father to Dade county when he was eleven years of age. He worked with Joel T. Hembree in running a saw mill and he helped to saw the lumber in the Dade County Court House. Also in many other buildings in Greenfield. After that he worked four years in the Dadeville flouring mill with Mr. Ingraham.

On the 19th day of March, 1873 he was married to Delitha Armildia McPeak and moved on to a farm northeast of where Bona is now located. Since then he has been engaged in general farming, stock raising, trading in lands and in 1903 he purchased the flouring mill at Seybert, and the farm adjacent thereto, erected him a splendid new farm dwelling where he now resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Frieze are the parents of six children—

(1) Edwin, born February 18th, 1874, a lawyer in the city of Greenfield, but extensively engaged in farming, stock raising, shipping and mining.

(2) John Harmon, born April 5th, 1877, a large farmer and extensively engaged in raising and shipping cattle, horses, hogs and mules. He lives in the northeastern part of the county.

(3) Everett, born August 18th, 1879, a lawyer on the Pacific coast, formerly represented Dade County in the Missouri legislature.

(4) Vernon, born February 28, 1882, a lawyer and extensive farmer and stock dealer of Dade County.

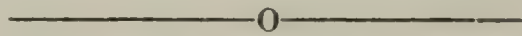
(5) Bessie, born September 11th, 1884, one of the brightest students that ever attended the Greenfield High School, graduated from that institution in the class of 1904; she since has taken post graduate courses in the following state institution, Missouri University. She is

easily one of the best educated young women in Southwest Missouri.

(6) Theodore, born June 6th, 1893, also a graduate of the Greenfield High School, a splendid student and a promising young man.

While Mr. Frieze himself had only the benefit of a common school education he has made a specialty of giving his children the benefit of higher education and has contributed largely of his means in giving each of them a fair start in life both in money and in land. Mr. Frieze is however a man of large native ability, being able to give the tax collector from memory an exact legal description of every tract and parcel of land he owns in the county, and they number almost a score and many of them intricate descriptions by metes and bounds, a feat which few men, even those engaged in the professions could accomplish.

By reason of his energy, industry, frugality and general application to business, Mr. Frieze has been a prosperous man and has accumulated much property. He is an ideal citizen, a Republican in politics and his family are members of the Christian church. He is still actively engaged in the farming, stock raising, shipping and milling business. His home is at Seybert, some ten miles north of Greenfield on the Sac River, his farm home being one of the few buildings which constitute the village of Seybert, the remaining ones being a store, a blacksmith shop, a few other dwellings, a splendid new Christian church and the Seybert mill.



FRED FRYE.

Fred Frye was born in Hanover, Germany, November 4th, 1853. His parents emigrated to the United States in 1854, embarking on August 20th, 1854, on the three-masted sailing ship Halifax, and after eighteen weeks' stormy voyage landed in New Orleans on the day before Christmas, December 24th, 1854. On that voyage seventeen persons died and were buried in the sea. There were 1654 emigrants

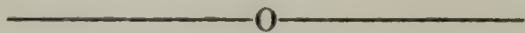
on the ship, and the supplies of foodstuffs and water ran short and had to be proportioned to everybody on the ship. When we landed in New Orleans we were met by my uncle, William Frye, and family, of that city. We stayed in New Orleans until January 20th, 1855, and took the river boat Louisiana up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, Mo. This took eleven days to make the trip to St. Louis. On our arrival we were met by another uncle, named Henry. In St. Louis we stayed seven days, and at that time St. Louis was not very much above Fifth Street West. From St. Louis we started on two ox wagons into Southern Illinois, Washington County, practically a wilderness at that time. Forty-eight miles east of St. Louis, my father bought a homestead from an old trapper by the name of George Hood, 260 acres, and later bought more land from the government, and some from the Illinois Central railroad. There were no towns, no schools, no churches, within ten miles or more, and we had to get the provisions from St. Louis, and could not talk the American language. This was an uphill business. When I got old enough to go to school we did not have any school, and my father taught me and my sister to read and write, to be sure, in German, because he did not know anything else. In 1859 there was quite a settlement already, and they built a log school house, and our first teacher was an old farmer by the name of Riddle, and he did Riddle us once in a while, and from that time on we had better sailing and things were coming our way, and I got to be quite a boy by that time, and soon began to look at the girls.

In the year 1860 there was a little town started in our neighborhood, called New Minden, and my father and three other men built a large flour mill, as that proved to be a good wheat country, and is yet. The mill was of 250 barrels capacity, and took eighteen months to complete it. The mill is still running. The same mill company also started a general store, and called it the Mill Store. In 1862 my father sold his one-fourth interest in the mill for \$10,000 and bought the other three-fourths of the General Store and there is where I got started in the merchandise busi-

ness. In 1868 on November 1st my father died and my mother continued in the business until 1875 when she sold out to another party and from that time on my real life began. After a few year's courtship with the girls I got married on April 17, 1876 to my present wife, Lily and with her I moved back on the farm again where we worked for our living until 1889. During my stay on the farm I held several public offices such as school board, township school commissioner, tax collector and justice of the peace and manager and butter maker of a creamery.

June 12, 1889 I came to Lockwood, Mo., where myself and children built a creamery which we operated for about ten years and then was turned into a mill and light plant and is at this writing still in operation. December 28, 1889 I bought a half interest in the store from Martin Heiser, known at that time as Hanbein & Heiser store and then changed to the firm name of Hanbein & Frye, and was operated under this name until 1897 when Hanbein sold his half interest to Fritz Warren and the firm changed to Frye & Warren and run until the fall of 1900 when we sold out to Shafer & Co. In 1901 I started merchandise business again at my present place of business. During my stay in Lockwood I held different public offices; city council three years; justice of the peace; director of bank; fair board; and last but not least, member of county court for the western district for one term. This was an up hill business. Wishing all the Dade County People the very best of health, success and prosperity.

FRED FRYE.



JAMES (HARVE) FUQUA.

Was born in Putnam county, Mo., November 23rd, 1877, a son of William and Margaret E. (Harbert) Fuqua, his father being a native of Kentucky, of French-German origin, born January 18, 1826—came to Dade county in 1882 and died here in 1903 at the age of 77 years.

William Fuqua was a farmer in Kentucky and also at Unionville in this state but in coming to Greenfield in 1882

he engaged in the livery business which he followed for one year and then removed to South Greenfield where he continued in the same business. He later engaged in the Hotel business at South Greenfield but the last few years of his life was spent on a little farm near Neola. He however moved back to South Greenfield before his death. He was a veteran of the civil war but was discharged on account of disability.

Margaret Elizabeth Harbert was born in Putnam county, Mo., June 26th, 1844, and is still living in South Greenfield. Her parents were Putnam county farmers, both are dead and buried in said county. She is a member of the M. E. church.

William Fuqua and wife were the parents of eight children:

(1) Ida, married F. M. Thompson, now in the grocery business in Pittsburg, Kas. They have two children, Dot Oscar and Hattie.

(2) Hattie, married J. M. Turner, a loan broker of Trinidad, Colo. They have one child, Thelma.

(3) Laura, married J. H. Poe, a merchant at Pennsboro. They have two children, Leona and Marion.

(4) William, married Pearl White (now deceased.) He is a machinist at Pittsburg, Kas.

(5) James H. Fuqua.

(6) Lula, married Dr. L. S. Couplin, a physician at South Greenfield. They have two children, Elizabeth and Marguerite.

(7) and (8) Twins—Allie and Alva—died in infancy.

James H. Fuqua was raised in South Greenfield, Mo., where in boyhood he attended the public schools of that place. He studied the telegraph business with the Frisco railroad for two years and after farming for some three years in 1900 he went into the general merchandise business at Pennsboro, where he continued until 1911. He was cashier for the Frisco Railroad at Monett for about one year, when he came to South Greenfield in October, 1912, and purchased the hardware stock of B. J. J. Marsh, to which he added a line of furniture and undertaking. Later

he added implements, buggies, carriages, harness and farm supplies, until now it is one of the large concerns of Dade County.

In the year 1914 he erected a complete waterworks system for South Greenfield, and later on, in company with J. L. Gilliland, he put in an electric lighting system for the town, which is run in connection with the waterworks system.

Mr. Fuqua is the owner of a large double store building, which he occupies with his merchandise business, a splendid home in South Greenfield, and a small farm near town.

In 1897 he was married to Laura A. Renfro, who was born in Washington Township January 28th, 1880, a daughter of Joseph and Mary J. (Merrick) Renfro, pioneers of Dade County. They have one child, Marie, born near South Greenfield in 1907.

Mr. Fuqua and wife are members of the Christian church. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, W. O. W.'s, and votes the Republican ticket. As a citizen, Mr. Fuqua may quite properly be classed with those known as "boosters." He is always wide-awake, outspoken and enthusiastic for any cause which he espouses. He is especially attentive to his own affairs, and has built up a splendid business by reason of his energy and industry.

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JESSE GARVER.

The subject of this sketch is one of the early pioneers of Western Dade County. He was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, July 9th, 1840, son of Frederick and Malinda (Ulery) Garver. His father and mother were both natives of Ohio. Frederick Garver, his grandfather, was taken to Michigan at a very early date, and afterward emigrated to Elkhart County, Indiana, when Indians were plentiful and fur trading was the principal commercial industry of the country. Amid these wild scenes, Frederick Garver grew to manhood, married Malinda Ulery, whose father, George Ulery, was a weaver by trade, who

had emigrated to Indiana some years before. Both families were of German descent and both Frederick and Malinda had been married previous to 1840. In 1842 they came to Missouri and settled near Carthage, in Jasper County, where they entered 160 acres of land from the Government, on which they lived for 18 years. Finally they sold out and came to Dade County, buying land near the western line of the county, which they kept for 18 months, and sold out and bought 120 acres about one mile west of their former tract, upon which they lived from February, 1859, until 1889, when they again sold out and moved to Greenfield. His father died there July 17th, 1891, and his mother died there on September 19th, 1891. Frederick Garver was a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of 13 children, three of whom died in infancy and two later in life. Eight are now living, six boys and two girls.

Sarah died leaving one child. She was the wife of B. M. Crandall, both now deceased. Hannah, who was Mrs. Zimmerman, died and left no children. Those living are as follows:

- (1) Jesse, the subject of this sketch.
- (2) Solomon, married Angeline Steeley, a Dade County girl, now deceased, and raised a family of nine children. He now lives in Arkansas.
- (3) Susan, married Ben Cooley and lives in Greenfield.
- (4) Ellen, married Tom Drysdale and lives in Polk Township.
- (5) George, married Margaret Steeley, also a Dade County girl. They now live in Oklahoma.
- (6) John, married Mrs. Owens and lives near Everton.
- (7) Alva, married first a Miss Cartell of Dade County and raised a large family, and after her death he re-married in Polk Township.
- (8) Dave, married Louisia Grooms, a Dade County girl. They now live near Everton.

When the Garver family first settled in Missouri, neighbors were 15 miles apart and Indians were plentiful. In those days Jesse had more friends among the Indians than he had among the whites, often sleeping with them in their wig-wams and reposing more confidence in them than in the whites, for the white men of the country in that early day were mostly outlaws. As late as 1850, most of the present-day cities were mere trading posts, and where fine improved farms are now found, in that day the deer and turkey roamed at will.

Jesse Garver was married in 1862 to Sarah Ellsworth, a native of New York, who came to Dade County about 1860. To this union were born 10 children, two of whom are now living. Only three grew to maturity. One, Margaret, married Charles Cox, and died leaving six children. Those living are:

(1) Lizzie, married George Brobrugar. They live in Barton County and have four children.

(2) Nancy, married John Ferguson. They now live in Carthage and have two children.

Mr. Garver was at home when the Civil war broke out. He was the first man to enlist at Golden City, in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment, Volunteer Cavalry, under Captain Morris. This was in August, 1864. He served in South Missouri and all through Arkansas for 11 months, and was discharged June 30th, 1865, at Springfield, Mo., afterwhich he returned to Dade County and settled upon a farm of 64 acres in Grant Township, upon which he has lived and farmed ever since.

What little schooling he obtained before the war was received in Dade County. Schools in those days were very primitive, often lasting not more than three months during the year and conducted practically without books. The pupils depended largely upon the store of knowledge possessed by the teacher and the three R's (reading, 'righting and 'rithmetic) constituted the complete course of study. Mr. Garver has, however, been a great reader, and is a well-informed, self-educated man. He has been a Republican all his life, and, while he has always been

active in local politics, being counted as one of the "wheel horses" in his township, he has never held or desired office. He is a member of the G. A. R. post at Golden City and also a member of the I. O. O. F.

Mr. Garver is a true type of the early pioneer, having lived in Dade County during all the years of her adversity as well as her prosperity. He has seen the broad prairies and fertile valleys transformed from fields of game to fields of grain. Cities, towns and villages have sprung up under his gaze, families have come and gone, populations have changed, but Mr. Garver is still here to tell the story.

He is bearing up well under his weight of years and still takes a lively interest in the passing events. He enjoys the confidence and respect of his neighbors and is one of the substantial men in the community in which he lives.

REV. WILLIAM J. GARRETT.

William J. Garrett, born May 4th, 1820, departed this life June 16th, 1915, being at the time of his death 95 years one month and 12 days of age.

The time of my first remembrance of Brother Garrett dates back to three or four years before the war. I first saw him at the old Sand Mountain camp ground. He was preaching to a large congregation of people. I was then but a boy of 15 or 16 years, but I was attracted by his earnestness and heard him to the close of his discourse, which made such an impression that I never forgot him, and always thereafter regarded him as an able minister.

It was his first visit to the annual camp meeting that was held on those sacred grounds. He soon became endeared to the vast crowds of people who attended, and was always there during some part of those meetings, and was gladly received by the people and loved for his work's sake.

When the cloud of war settled down on our country and closed for a time these precious meetings, I, with many young men, went to the army. I am told that Brother Garrett was ever ready through those trouble-years to preach the precious gospel wherever his lot was cast, though I only heard from him incidentally until the fearful strife was over. Brother Garrett, with his family, moved to some place not far from Sedalia, where he labored for the Master until the cloud of war passed away, when he returned with his family to Greenfield and renewed his work.

In the autumn of 1886 the camp meeting was resurrected from the wreck of war, and the hosts of Israel again pitched their tents on the old camp ground. Brother Garrett was there, and was one of the ministers who preached most ably and spiritually. On that occasion a great revival of religion followed, resulting in the salvation of something near 100 souls, a great number for that early day. Among the converts of that meeting there were three young men, each of whom in after years became ministers of the Cumberland-Presbyterian church, namely, W. R. Russell, James H. Barnett and W. E. Shaw.

It was truly a great meeting. It was estimated that on Sunday night there were 140 seekers at the altar and among them were 45 soldier boys of the Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and many of them were converted. It is due Brother Garrett's memory that I speak of him as a great preacher. He was able, resourceful and consecrated, logical in his deductions, spiritual in his delivery and pleasant in his address. He was also a sweet singer, and there was a pathos in his great gift of song that was truly inspiring and encouraging to the unconverted.

Brother Garrett was a favorite in funeral preaching, and went far and near, in his sympathy, when called to such work. He was also a favorite in solemnizing the marriage rite, as his record indicates.

When I was a licentiate I frequently assisted him and Rev. J. D. Montgomery in revival work, and when I was ordained to the full work of the ministry he was

among the number of consecrated ministers who laid his hand upon my head.

Brother Garrett loved his church, with its doctrines. He was a strong man in its councils, and was therefore prized in his presbytery, and in synod, and was frequently sent as a commissioner to the general assembly.

His services as a pastor were sought by the best churches in his presbytery, and his field work, in some way, was blessed throughout its boundary. He was known and respected not only in his own church, but also by other religious people wherever he went.

Brother Garrett leaves a respected and honorable family, as a trophy of his sterling worth. Many will rise up in the judgment and call him blessed, he having been instrumental in leading them to the Savior of men.

May his mantle fall on others who will continue the work so successfully begun and completed in his long and useful life.

W. E. SHAW.

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CHARLES W. GILLMAN.

Financier, farmer and stockman, he was born near Carlinville; Ills., June 1st, 1864, the third of a family of seven children, a son of Henry Gillman, a native of Germany, who came from the Fatherland many years ago and located in Macoupin County, Illinois, near Carlinville. True to the traditions of his race, he was an energetic, frugal, industrious man, and prospered. In 1869 he came to Dade County and purchased a large tract of land in Marion Township, upon which he raised large numbers of horses, mules, sheep and cattle. He remained on this farm until about four years prior to his death, when he moved to Lockwood and retired from active business. He died in 1909 at the age of 75 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and voted the Democratic ticket till the first administration of Grover Cleveland, after which time he aligned himself with the Republican party. At the time of his death he owned 1,040 acres of land, a fine residence in Lockwood, three business houses

and a large amount of personal property, including notes, mortgages and Government Bonds.

In 1893 Henry Gillman, H. A. Cunningham and J. N. Burns organized the private bank of "Gillman, Burns & Co.," which operated in Lockwood until 1896, when it was changed to "Henry Gillman and C. W. Gillman," and so continued till 1903, when it was chartered as "The Bank of Lockwood," with Henry Gillman as President, C. W. Gillman as Cashier and John M. Adams as Assistant Cashier. About three years before the death of his father C. W. Gillman became the President of the institution, and still holds that position.

C. W. Gillman came to Dade County with his father in 1869. He attended the common schools of the county, worked on the farm, and when coming to Dade County helped drive 1,400 sheep from Illinois to the Dade County farm. His schooling was quite limited. From the age of 7 years up to the time he was 12 years old he attended public school, and later attended High School¹ in Greenfield. In the fall of 1882 he took a three months' course in Business College at Sedalia, returned home, and accepted a position in the "old" Bank of Lockwood. For many years he has owned and managed many farms in the vicinity of Lockwood. At the present time his real estate holdings amount to 320 acres in Lockwood and Marion Townships, and he buys, sells, feeds and ships cattle and hogs extensively.

For a number of years Mr. Gillman lived in Lockwood, but a few years ago he purchased 160 acres of land lying just east of the city and almost joining the corporate limits. Upon this he erected one of the finest country homes in the state. Equipped with a modern heating and water system and lighted by electricity, it is modern in every respect. In keeping with his progressive instincts, Mr. Gillman, at his own expense, graded, graveled and macadamized one-half mile of road leading from the city to his farm at a cost of about \$700, thereby setting a good example for his less progressive neighbors.

Mr. Gillman is the owner of two automobiles, of which he makes constant use, both for business and pleasure.

On the 26th day of October, 1898, he was married to Lucy B. Pursel, a native Missouri girl, daughter of Alexander and Annie (McAllister) Pursel, of Scotch ancestry. They came to Dade County from North Missouri in 1892. He died in 1903. His widow makes her home with C. W. Gillman.

Henry Gillman and wife were the parents of seven children, viz:

(1) Emma, married Henry Miller, a farmer of Marion Township.

(2) John H., a farmer in Marion Township.

(3) C. W. Gillman.

(4) George, a farmer, lives on the old homestead.

(5) Frank, lives in Lockwood.

(6) Sophia, lives in Lockwood.

(7) Lizzie, lives with her mother in Lockwood.

C. W. Gillman and wife have but one child, Mary Helen, born April 26th, 1900. She is a characteristic High School girl, enjoys outdoor sports and is an expert auto driver.

Mrs. Gillman is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a Mason, a Shriner, and his wife belongs to the Eastern Star. In politics, Mr. Gillman is an active Republican and, while never a candidate for an office himself, his support is much desired by those of more ambitious tendencies politically.

Mr. Gillman is yet a young man and vitally interested in the enterprises of his business. The full measure of his success in life has by no means been computed, but if he should quit the stage of action today and retire to private life, the following motto might with all propriety be emblazoned upon the family scroll: "From Sheepfold to Shrine!"

Mr. Gillman's financial success in life has in no way changed his early tastes or tendencies. He is a plain

man of the plain people. Sociable, accommodating and kind are words which fitly express his bearing toward his neighbors and his friends.

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JAMES L. GILLILAND.

Born in Johnson County, Missouri, November 13th, 1863, son of Abel Gilliland, a native of Tennessee, born in 1809 and died in 1879, of Irish ancestry. Came west when a young man, working in the mines near St. Louis, later he came to Johnson County and entered a tract of land, erected a two-story log house upon it, which he afterward weather-boarded. He was a man of simple tastes and retired habits, never desiring to be rich, but always lived well. He was very liberal in his political views, choosing the man rather than the party, and in this way frequently changed the form of his ballot. He married Kathryn Stewart in Missouri and raised a family of nine children:

(1) Nancy, married John Heisey, a farmer and blacksmith, raising a family of six children. She is now dead.

(2) Jane, married C. D. Boisseau, who is now a prominent citizen of Greenfield, ex-member of the Missouri Legislature, ex-mayor of the city, and a leading Republican politician. They had three children.

(3) Laura, married Daniel Boisseau, an attorney of Warrensburg. They have one child, O. G. Boisseau, an attorney and Republican politician of Holden, Mo.

(4) Josephine, married John Heisey, now deceased. She is living in Colorado. They had no children.

(5) George, now deceased.

(6) Alice, the present wife of Hon. C. D. Boisseau of Greenfield. Her first husband was Washington Rennie, by whom she had two children.

(7) Mattie, now deceased.

(8) Joseph S., a farmer, now residing in Johnson County. Married Jennie Ferguson. They have three children.



HENRY ALBERT CUNNINGHAM.

(9) James L. Gilliland.

Mr. Gilliland was raised on a farm and received a very meager education by attending the common schools of Johnson County. He remained on the farm until 1901, when he came to South Greenfield and purchased the grocery business then being conducted by J. H. Poe.

In the grocery business Mr. Gilliland has achieved a reasonable degree of success. In 1914, in company with J. H. Fuqua, he erected and equipped an electric light plant for South Greenfield.

On the 26th day of August, 1907, he was married to Miss Nellie Miller of South Greenfield, a daughter of D. R. and Mary (De Berry) Miller, born in 1886. Mr. Miller is a retired railroad bridge builder, having worked in that capacity for both the Rock Island and Frisco railroads. He came to South Greenfield in 1881. Mr. Miller is a veteran of the Civil war, serving on the Union side, and a Republican in politics. His wife is a member of the M. E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland have no living children. One child was born of this marriage, but died in infancy.

Mr. Gilliland is a Republican in politics and a member of the I. O. O. F.

JOHN L. GLASS.

The subject of this sketch was born in Ohio, "the Home of the Presidents," on the 17th day of December, 1851, his father, Jacob Glass, and his mother, Eliza (Couser) Glass, both being natives of the same state and both being buried there, having died about the year 1908.

Mr. Glass was the fourth of nine children to attain adult age, all of whom are now living, except his youngest sister, who was Mrs. Elwood Albright. She died in December, 1893, leaving three children. The remainder of his brothers and sisters still reside in the state of Ohio.

In early life Mr. Glass gave evidence of possessing mechanical skill above the ordinary, and was apprenticed to a harness-maker, in which trade he became very

proficient. The confinement of the shop not being in keeping with his instincts, he again took up farm work, where he was employed by the year on various farms in his native state up to the time of his marriage, after which he was employed by an uncle for three years. In 1879 he took up railroad construction work, and after two years came west, landing in Springfield, Mo., on October 20th, 1881.

With remarkable foresight, he purchased a magnificent tract of land, consisting of 120 acres, which he improved and lived upon for 12 years, during which time he also followed the stone mason trade, his farm being but three miles from Springfield. Desiring a greater acreage, he exchanged his Greene County farm for 320 acres in Smith Township, Dade County, where he now lives, and to which he has added 150 acres, making him one of the most desirable stock farms in the county. When he acquired this tract of land in 1893 it was poorly improved, having only a small log house, but few acres cleared, and no fencing at all.

At the present time it is all fenced and cross-fenced with hog wire, most of the land is in a high state of cultivation and beautified with commodious buildings. In 1911 Mr. Glass constructed an eight-room frame farm dwelling, with a modern lighting plant, cement walks and porch, a splendid barn and convenient outbuildings. A never-failing spring branch furnishes an abundant supply of water in the pastures, while the house and barn lots are supplied with two excellent wells, equipped with a modern windmill.

Mr. Glass has been able to start each of his boys in life with an 80-acre farm adjoining the homestead, which speaks well for his generosity, as well as his prosperity. He takes great delight in his farming enterprises and manages to raise and market at least one carload of hogs each year, to say nothing of the cream, butter and eggs, and other farm products which go to the market annually.

John L. Glass was married to Eliza Jane Lucas, a native of Pennsylvania, on the 6th day of April, 1875. She

was born on the 2nd day of December, 1853, and is still living. Her mother and step-father, Isaac P. Edwards, came to Greene County, Missouri, in 1881, resided on a farm north of Springfield, and both died there.

Mr. Glass is the father of five children, all of whom are living.

Thomas F. Glass, his oldest son, was born January 4th, 1876, was married to Sadie Brown, a native of Webster County, and they now reside in Dade County on a farm near his father's home. To this union were born six children, viz:

Della, born October 16th, 1901.

Richard, born June 4th, 1904.

Wilbert, born October 24th, 1906.

John Leonard, born March 16th, 1909.

James M., born January 15th, 1912.

Jake Lester, born July 10th, 1914.

His second son, George A. Glass, was born December 17th, 1877, and was married to Pina Reich, a native of Dade County. They also have six children, viz:

Mabel, born April 9th, 1905.

Ralph, born November 3rd, 1907.

David, born April 17th, 1910.

Helen, born July 15th, 1912.

George, born December 17th, 1913.

Charles, born September 25th, 1915.

Their oldest daughter, Susie, was born September 2nd, 1879, and married John L. Berry. They settled also in Smith Township, are engaged in farming and have a family of eight interesting children, viz:

Bessie, John Lloyd, Hazel Ruby, a pair of twins named Joseph and Jesse, Orvy, Cecil and Clyde.

The fourth child of John L. Glass, named Jacob O., was born September 9th, 1883, and married Drue Berry, a native of Dade County. He still resides on the old homestead and is engaged, with his father, in running the farm.

The youngest child, Peachye, was born August 15th, 1890, and married Ray Barker, a native of Dade County.

They reside on a Dade County farm, and are the happy parents of two children, viz: Curtis Leo and Ruby.

Mr. Glass and his wife have long been members of the Christian church, the former having been an elder for six years. He has always taken an active part in politics, and by nativity and tradition was a Republican. In 1894 he was elected Judge of the Western District and served in that capacity two years, during which time the "good roads" movement was inaugurated, and afterward, in 1911, he served one year as County Highway Engineer. He has been a member of the school board in his home district for 32 consecutive years. Most men have a "hobby," and if this fault can be charged to Mr. Glass, it consists of just three things: "Good roads, good schools and good homes to live in." When Mr. Glass came to Dade County many of the school houses were without seats and school interest was at low ebb. He, himself, having a good common school education, it was his desire that all his children and his neighbor's children should enjoy the same boon.

As an assurance that Mr. Glass shall live to enjoy a "green old age," he is now blessed with 22 grandchildren, and one remarkable co-incident, which does not often occur in the history of any family, is this: John L. Glass, his son, George, and his grandson, George, were all born on December 17th.

The history of Mr. Glass is but one of the many object lessons taken from real life, which demonstrate what industry, energy, honesty, fixity of purpose and high ideals will accomplish. The owner of a palatial country home, surrounded by family, friends and all the necessities of life, there is no reason why he could not truthfully say unto his children, like Jacob of old, "The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors, unto the utmost bound of the Everlasting Hills."

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JOHN GLENN.

Born in Dade County, Missouri, July 10th, 1869, son of James and Martha (Freedle) Glenn. His father and

mother are both living. His father is a native of Dade County and lives at Corry. His grandfather, Jack Glenn, was one of the very first settlers of the county. Various branches of the Glenn family reside in Dade County, but principally in the northern and eastern part.

John Glenn started in life for himself at the age of 25 years. He received only a common school education and adopted farming as his occupation in life. For a number of years he cultivated rented land and was successful. In the year 1908, in company with John A. Hall, he purchased 289 acres of farm land near Corry, which they owned jointly for three years, and then divided up. He is now the owner of a fine farm of 145 acres, all in cultivation except 10 acres, fenced and cross-fenced. He has made numerous improvements, including a modern barn and a 90-ton silo. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, his live stock enterprises including horses, cattle and mules.

On the 3rd day of September, 1893, he was married to Miss Omeda Hall, daughter of Adam Hall, a pioneer merchant of Corry, and whose history is given at length in the sketch of John A. Hall. Mrs. Omeda Glenn was born in Dade County, Missouri, and her marriage to John Glenn six children were born.

(1) Ormal, born July 22nd, 1894. Died at the age of 3 weeks.

(2) McCoy, born March 8th, 1896, married Bessie Friend September 20th, 1916, and they are now farming in South Morgan Township.

(3-4) Effie and Ester (twins), born June 26th, 1899.

(5) Martha L., born October 12th, 1903.

(6) Ina Cleo, born February 15th, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn are members of "The Church of God," commonly called "Holiness," and are faithful adherents to the cause of Christ. Mr. Glenn is a Republican, and active in the local affairs of the community, especially the schools, having served several years as a member of the school board.

JOHN F. GODFREY.

A native of Washington County, Iowa, born July 15th, 1866, a son of Abe and Mary (Lewis) Godfrey, both natives of Ohio, but married in Iowa. Abe Godfrey was a veteran of the Civil war. Both he and his wife are dead and buried in Indiana.

John F. Godfrey was next to the youngest of a family of five children. He stayed at home till 30 years of age, working for and with his father till he was 16, when his father died. He taught school in Jay County, Indiana, from the time he was 16 years of age, three of which were spent in Kansas, and at the age of 30 years he went to Oklahoma and bought 160 acres of land in Lincoln County. On the road to Oklahoma he had the good fortune to marry Carry B. Lewis, who was also interested in Oklahoma land. She was teaching school in Pratt County, Kansas, started for Oklahoma single, but returned the wife of John F. Godfrey. This happened on August 31st, 1891. She was also a native of Iowa, having been born May 30th, 1872, a daughter of W. W. Lewis (now deceased.)

In 1899 John F. Godfrey sold his original 160 acres and moved to another 160-acre improved tract, where he remained one year, selling it and buying another 160-acre improved farm in Woods County, Oklahoma. He remained on this place till 1910, when he sold out and came direct to Dade County, buying a farm of 160 acres lying directly south of South Greenfield. Ninety-five acres of this tract is in cultivation and fairly well improved. He has erected a 110-ton silo since buying this farm. He is engaged in general farming, has about 20 head of horses and mules, 45 head of cattle and 200 head of hogs. The farm is well watered and especially adapted for raising live stock.

Mr. Godfrey and wife were the parents of four children:

(1) Charles Lewis, born July 15th, 1896. Graduated from the Greenfield High School in 1917.

(2) Albert, born January 18th, 1893. Graduated from the Greenfield High School in 1917.

(3) Grace, born Dec. 19th, 1901, is now at home attending school. A Freshman in the Greenfield High School in 1917.

(4) Wilford, born August 15th, 1904.

Mrs. Godfrey died February 14th, 1912, and is buried at Pennsboro. She and Mr. Godfrey were both members of the Christian church.

Mr. Godfrey is a Democrat in politics, and was Deputy County Clerk in Pratt County, Kansas. He is a man of good education, and especially well informed on the current events of the day. He is a splendid type of the self-made man, battling in early life against adverse circumstances and coming out more than winner.

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MARION C. GOTHARD.

The man whose name heads this sketch is one of our best-known citizens, and has done and is now doing a vast amount of good in our midst. He was born in Cedar County, Nebraska February 2nd, 1858, a son of Archie and Susan (Delosier) Gothard, both natives of Virginia, and came here at an early date, and died when their only child, Marion, was a small lad. He was raised by his grandfather, Uncle Jack Gothard, with whom he lived until 19 years of age. His Grandfather Gothard had saved the money coming to the lad from the government on account of his father having been a United States soldier, and this he invested in 40 acres of timber land in Cedar County, which the young man cleared before he became of age.

He was an industrious youth and prospered from the start, and added 200 acres near his original 40, paying \$2.50 per acre. A little later he secured an other 40, and so, it is seen, he had a fine start in life when quite young, brought about by his desire to get ahead in the world and his close application to business. Now having 280 acres of good land, he decided to get married, and, ac-

cordingly, on August 4th, 1881, he married Miss Belle Dodson, who was born in Polk County January 4th, 1862, and is a daughter of John and Martha (Grady) Dodson, both natives of Tennessee, and came to Polk County, Missouri, at an early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Gothard have been born six children, as follows: Hattie, born February 14th, 1884, now Mrs. William Compton, and lives near Everton, in this county; Zina E., born January 1st, 1887, received a fine education at Dadeville, Carthage and Springfield Normal, and is now teaching at Cushing, Okla., where she has been for the past four years; Archie, born January 1st, 1890, also educated at Dadeville, Chilcothe and Springfield Normal, has taught in Oklahoma, as well as Dade County, is now a resident of Tulsa, Okla.; Eunice O., born August 5th, 1892, also educated at Dadeville, Carthage and Springfield Normal, and is teaching in Cushing, Okla.; Flossie E., born October 5th, 1896, received the same school advantages as her two older sisters, is now a successful teacher near Broken Arrow, Okla.; Reba, born January 3rd, 1898, is attending school at Cushing High School, where she will soon graduate. As will be noted above, Mr. Gothard determined to give his children the very best of school advantages, and to this fact we owe his coming to be a citizen of Dade County, for he sold out his Cedar County holdings and moved to Dadeville, buying residence property, and in 1908 invested in a large farm of 455 acres, all in one body, and located in Polk Township, close to Dadeville. This property had few buildings and was not any too well improved. Mr. Gothard moved his town residence to the farm, fenced the place with wire and otherwise greatly improved it, so that now he has one of the best stock farms in all that region. He raises considerable stock, uses a silo, and all modern appliances.

Mr. Gothard is a Republican in politics, but does not care for office, he desiring to spend his time doing good to his fellow-man, for he is a gifted speaker and is a teacher and preacher of the Church of God, a devoted religious sect that has a large following in this county



WILLIAM ROBINSON EATON.



W. R. EATON LUMBER YARDS.

and which comprises men and women of our first families. Mr. Gothard is a fine Christian gentleman, always ready with his means to help any worthy cause for the good of the county and its people. He is in the forerank of our best beloved citizens. His life is an inspiration to our young people, and goes to show what a clean life, honest business methods and attention to the higher things of life will surely accomplish, and proves that it pays to live a perfect life.

CHARLES WALKER GRIFFITH.

Was born at Gettysburg, Pa., November 6th, 1837, and died at Greenfield, Mo., August 23rd, 1893. His father, Jesse Griffith, was a native of Pennsylvania, his parents coming from Wales. They were potters, but farmed during the latter years of their residence in Pennsylvania. James Griffith, a brother of Jesse, left children who reside upon and own the old homestead in Pennsylvania. Jesse Griffith married Jane Walker, of Wales, who came to Pennsylvania with her parents and was married there. They were the parents of two children:

- (1) Charles Walker, the subject of this sketch.
- (2) Mary, married Hiram Morrill and moved to Charleston, Ill. He was a farmer. She died there.

The parents of Charles Walker Griffith moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio when he was about 10 years of age. They settled on a farm, where Charles attended the county schools and the school at Marion and afterward graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, taking a classical course. After his graduation, he taught in the public schools of London and Bridgeport in Ohio. He came to Greenfield in 1870 through the persuasion of his friend, Judge O. H. Barker.

While living at Bellefountain, Ohio, where for a time he edited the Bellefountain Republican, in August, 1863, he enlisted in Company A of the 125th Ohio Volunteers, and after Lee's surrender he was stationed for some time at Fort Kearney, Neb. He was mustered out in 1866. He

recruited a company at Bellefountain and was elected captain, afterward being raised to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of his regiment. Later he went to London, Ohio, and started the London Times. Later he served as superintendent of schools at Bridgeport, Ohio, and there he was married.

In 1870 he came to Dade County and purchased the Greenfield Vedette, which he edited up to the time of his death. He made this paper a live wire and gave to it a wide-spreading influence in Southwest Missouri.

He was a graceful, trenchant writer and became well known throughout the state, in which he had a wide circle of strong and enduring admirers and friends. He was an ardent Republican and at the time of his coming to Dade County Democracy was in the saddle, but by reason largely of his influence both as a political writer and organizer, the political complexion of the county was soon changed. He served two terms as county treasurer and was appointed postmaster of Greenfield by President Harrison in 1889, and died before the expiration of his term of office.

He was one of the organizers and the first commander of the Greenfield Post, G. A. R. He was also a member of the local Masonic lodge and for a number of years its secretary. Mr. Griffith was also admitted to the bar for the practice of law while a resident of Greenfield.

He was married on the 10th day of June, 1869, to Ella M. Lynch, born at Olivesburg, Knox County, Ohio, March 2nd, 1847, daughter of Rev. Samuel Lynch and Sarah (Berrhill) Lynch. Samuel Lynch was one of the early circuit riders of the Methodist Episcopal church and was the financial agent of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he and his wife now lie buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Griffith was one of a family of seven children and is the mother of five children, all boys:

(1) Robert H., born in Toledo, Ohio, June 7th, 1870. He now resides at Washington, D. C., and is engaged in the government service.

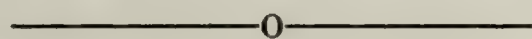
(2) Philip S., born in Greenfield, Mo., March 3rd, 1874, owns and edits the Greenfield Vedette, married Caroline Johnson. They have three boys.

(3) Merrill M., born in Greenfield, Mo., January 23rd, 1876. Is now superintendent of Indian Agency at Park Hill, Okla. He was married to Hattie Cravens in South Dakota. They have four daughters.

(4) Roland B., born in Greenfield, Mo., March 6th, 1881, resides in Chicago, is engaged in the printing business; is married to Mabel Hughes.

(5) Arthur C., born in Greenfield, Mo., December 25th, 1883, is engaged in the printing business and resides in Kansas City. He married Della Dano of Greenfield and they have one daughter.

Mrs. Griffith owns a beautiful cottage home in Greenfield, which she occupies as her home. She is a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian church of the city, active in church work, is a member of the New Century Club, the W. R. C. and the Eastern Star.



MICHAEL GRISHAM.

Was born in Clark County, Ill., March 11th, 1842, son of Thompson and Polly (Wheeler) Grisham. They were both natives of Tennessee, he being born in the month of March and she in the month of May, both in the year 1817. Their native home was in the same county. They were married February 12th, 1835, and emigrated to Clark County in 1836, where they followed farming for seven years, then came to Dade County in 1843 and settled at Cross Roads, about one mile northeast of where Everton now stands. He purchased a claim of 160 acres, which he occupied for two years, then sold out and entered 160 acres of government land where Michael Grisham now lives. The elder Grisham continued to occupy this farm up to the time of his death, to which he had added 160 acres, making a farm of 320 acres at the time of his decease. Thompson Grisham was the first postmaster at Cross Roads, his commission being dated some time in the 50's. This office was

discontinued during the war and afterward re-established. In politics, Thompson Grisham was a Democrat, and held the office of Justice of the Peace for many years. Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. The original, home-made, pigeon-hole desk which was used to hold the mail at Cross Roads and the legal documents of Rock Prairie township is still in the possession of Michael Grisham. Thompson Grisham died in Dade County January 28th, 1877, and his wife died, also in Dade County, March 23rd, 1893, and both are buried in the Sinking Creek cemetery. Ten children were born of this marriage who lived to maturity:

(1) Margaret J., born November 27th, 1836, married John Wills, a native of Tennessee. They were married in Dade County. He was in the Confederate army and was killed at the battle of Helena, Ark. She died April 23rd, 1859. Her son, William Thompson Wills, is now a prominent man in Rock Prairie township.

(2) Martha E., born December 5th, 1838, married J. M. Jones. Both are now deceased.

(3) Mary C., born September 16th, 1840, married G. A. Hudson. Both are now living on the old Wills homestead in Rock Prairie township.

(4) Michael, the subject of this sketch.

(5) Samuel, born February 14th, 1844, married Eliza Woodard. He was a veteran of the Confederate army. Both are now deceased.

(6) Nancy E., born October 7th, 1846, married Harve Underwood. Both are now deceased.

(7) Sarah E., born April 15th, 1849, married Silas Bell. She is now deceased.

(8) John T., born February 5th, 1852, married Sarah Lawrence, who died, and for his second wife married Lizzie Tipton. He is now deceased. His widow resides in Parsons, Kas.

(9) James S., born July 22nd, 1854. He was never married. He was killed August 5th, 1904, by lightning, in Nebraska.

(10) William M., born March 28th, 1858, married Verdie Buttram. She is now deceased. He is living in Hickory County, Mo.

Michael Grisham remained at home until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company E, 15th Missouri Cavalry, under Captain E. J. Morris, and served two and a half years. He saw active service, mostly near home. He was discharged at Springfield, Mo., in July, 1865.

After the war he returned home and farmed with his father for about two years. He first purchased eighty acres of timber land and fifty acres of prairie near his father's farm. He partly cleared out the timber land and then sold it. He has always lived on the old Grisham homestead. After the death of his mother, he bought out the other heirs and now owns 398 acres, all in one body. The Frisco railroad crosses his land and it is also traversed by Sinking Creek, which furnishes it with fine water, together with a number of springs.

Mr. Grisham is now living practically retired from active business life. He was married on the 3rd day of December, 1902, to Miss Lucinda Payne, a native of Tennessee, born February 19th, 1858, a sister of Samuel A. Payne and a member of one of the pioneer families of Rock Prairie township.

Mr. Grisham is a member of the Baptist church, a Democrat in politics, active in local affairs and a man of prominence in his community. He has never aspired to any political position, but has devoted his entire time and energy to his farming enterprises. He has maintained well the traditions of his ancestors by living a life of strict sobriety, honesty, industry and practicing the Golden Rule in his dealings with his fellow men.

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PHIL. S. GRIFFITH.

Phil S. Griffith was born in Greenfield on March 3rd, 1874, and succeeded to the editorship of the Greenfield Vette during the final illness of his father in 1892. He is serving his second term as mayor of Greenfield, and his

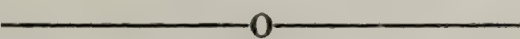
second term as member of the Greenfield School Board. He was postmaster under President Taft. Is a member of the Board of Regents of Springfield Normal School, and serving his second term as a member of the Republican State Committee. Is a member of the various branches of Masonry, including both York and Scottish Rites, the Consistory and the Shrine. Also of the I. O. O. F., B. P. O. E., M. W. A. and W. O. W. Was married in October, 1905, to Miss Caroline Johnson. They have three children, all boys, Philip, Charles Walker and Robert.

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J. C. GRISHAM.

One of Dade County's prominent native sons is J. C. Grisham of Rock Prairie Township. He was born October 14th, 1877, a son of M. H. and Catherine (Blakey) Grisham, who were both natives of Dade County, and married here. John C. Grisham, father of M. H., and grandfather of J. C. Grisham, of this review, was born in Tennessee and came to Dade County in a very early day, and here married Miss Nancy J. Wheeler. The Wheeler family were among the first pioneer families to settle in Dade County, and more data will be found regarding them in these volumes. M. H. Grisham was a prominent man, he was a member of the Baptist church and a life-long Republican. He died March 28th, 1916, while his wife is still living on the old home place at the age of 64 years. J. C. Grisham was fourth in order of birth of five children born to his parents. The others are: Clara, is the wife of W. S. Wilson, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere; Minnie, is now Mrs. W. H. Wingo of Los Angeles, Cal.; Wiley K. is a farmer of Polk Township, and Edith is living at home with her mother, and one child died in infancy. J. C. Grisham remained at home until he was 23 years of age, and had the usual experience of the farmer boy, receiving a good education and learning the business of farming. December 25th, 1900, he married Miss Amy Crane, who was born in Indiana November 22nd, 1878, and is a daughter of Cyrus and Lillie (Ireland)

Crane, both natives of Indiana, emigrating to Tennessee in an early day and then to Kansas, then to Dade County, where they engaged in farming. Mr. Crane is now living in Walnut Grove, Greene county, while his wife died Jan. 5th, 1913. He was a resident of Dade County for some twenty years before he retired. Mr. Grisham first went to farming on his own account on an 80-acre tract belonging to the old Grisham homestead. He had bought this, and after improving it and adding other acreage, he traded it for other land, and, in fact, bought, sold and traded different places until he finally secured his present fine farm of 270 acres. He has greatly improved this farm with fences and clearing, until now he has 200 acres in cultivation and well improved with buildings, and a 130-ton silo. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising on a large scale. To Mr. and Mrs. Grisham have been born four children, as follows: Forest O., born February 18th, 1902; Thelma Fern, born August 8th, 1903; Ferrel Delight, born May 22nd, 1905; Michael Cyrus, born August 8th, 1915. This fine family of children are all at home and receiving the best of educational advantages. Mr. Grisham is a Republican and prominent in the affairs of the county. He is a booster along all lines. He is in favor of good roads and free public schools. In short, Mr. Grisham is counted among our most prominent farmers, and is a broad-minded gentleman, always ready to assist with his time and money any worthy enterprise that is for the good of the county or its people.



JOHN F. GREGORY.

Was born in the state of Illinois December 3rd, 1843, son of David L. and Lydia (Green) Gregory, both natives of New York. They were married at Ostego, N. Y., and came to Illinois in 1835. There is in the possession of the Gregory family a printed history of their genealogies, beginning with John Gregory, born about the year 1300, Lord of the Manor of Frisely and Ashfordby, married Maude, daughter of Sir Roger Moton, Knight of Peckle-

ton, Leicestershire, England. Then, beginning with Hezekiah Gregory II, who married Hanah Gardner about the year 1800, with his 10 brothers and sisters they have practically a complete family tree. John F. Gregory, the subject of this sketch, is a grandson of John Gregory, born July 29th, 1781, one of the 11 children of Hezekiah Gregory.

John F. Gregory was 18 years of age at the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company D, Eighty-sixth Illinois, under Captain Hitchcock, at Peoria, Ills. He marched first under General Sheridan, and was all through his southern campaign. Participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Chicamaugua, was in the march from Atlanta to the Sea with Sherman, saw continuous service for three years, but was never wounded nor taken prisoner. He was discharged June 26th, 1865, at Chicago. In August, 1865, he attended the review of the Grand Army of the Republic by President Lincoln. His military service covered 26 engagements.

On the 6th day of November, 1866, he was married to Blanche Lawrence, who was fifth in point of birth of a family of eight children, four boys and four girls, six of whom are living. She was born April 27th, 1845, at Erie, Penn., daughter of John Horatio and Sarah Evans Lawrence. Her father was born January 2nd, 1806, at Birmingham, England, and her mother was born August 7th, 1818, a native of Oswego County, New York. Her father was a soldier in the British army, served eight years in India as an officer and was transferred to the Canadian service. Later he was mustered out, and came to New York, where he met and married his wife, the mother of Mrs. Gregory. He died in 1889 and his wife died in 1892.

John F. Gregory, at the time of his marriage, started out as a farmer, buying 80 acres of land in Iriquois County, Illinois, where he lived and farmed for 11 years, when he exchanged it for 240 acres of unimproved land in Woodson County, Kansas. After living upon the Kansas land for 10 years, he traded it for 130 acres in Dade



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County. This was in 1888. It was an old, improved place at that time, but Mr. Gregory has erected practically all the buildings which are now on the place. He built the dwelling house in 1898, and since then many fine out-buildings. He cleared out about 80 acres, so that it is now all in cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory are the parents of 12 children, two dying in infancy. Those living to maturity were:

(1) David L., born August 13th, 1867, died November 16th, 1915, aged 48 years. He married Emma Morerer, a native of Nebraska, who now resides at El Paso, Tex. They have two children, Blanche and Robert Roy.

(2) Edgar W., born October 12th, 1868, married Mrs. Vesta Summers. He is a carpenter, located at San Diego, Cal.

(3) Lula G., born February 28th, 1870, married D. Wessel Ten Broeck, a mail clerk in New York. They have four children, Herman, Ruth, Robert and Alice.

(4) Francis M., born October 8th, 1871, married Grace Merchant. They live in Peoria, Ill., and he is a traveling salesman. They have one child, Wayne L.

(5) Ida, born March 5th, 1873, married Thomas Knapp, a barber. They live in Cleo, Okla. They have one child, George.

(6) Lucian Lee, born September 4th, 1875, married Alma Wilkins, a native of Dade County. He is a carpenter and lives at El Paso, Tex. They have two children, Graddon and Juanita.

(7) Orange G., born May 14th, 1877, married Amanda Hudspeth, a native of Dade County; she died September 30th, 1912, at the age of 35 years, leaving three children, John R., Joe H. and Lucile.

(8) Alonzo J., born April 23rd, 1879, married Fern Notestine. He is a farmer, and they live at Trivoli, Ills. They have three children, Richard, Edith and Harold.

(9) Robert H., born November 2nd, 1884, lives in Kansas City, Kas., and is a mail clerk. Married Mamie Caldwell. They have two children, Alberta and Robert. The mother died June 7, 1917.

(10) Roy George, born November 24th, 1890, married Jessie Quick, a native of Dade County, lives and is farming on the home place.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory are living practically a retired life on their farm. He is a Republican in politics, but has never desired a public office, preferring a quiet home life and the prosecution of his farming industries. He has always taken an active part in school matters and has served many years as a member of the school board. He is an active member of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Gregory takes great delight in the W. R. C. Mr. Gregory's mother was a lineal descendant of General Nathaniel Greene. Three of Mr. Gregory's boys served in the Spanish-American war, Lucien, Edgar and Orange. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory celebrated their 50th (Golden) wedding anniversary in November, 1916.

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JOHN A. HALL.

One of the most prominent business men of Dade County is John A. Hall of Corey and Greenfield. He is a native of Dade County having been born here March 6, 1861. He is a son of Adam Hall and Lucinda (Coose) his wife, natives of Kentucky and Lincoln County, Mo., respectively. Adam Hall was brought to Missouri in 1826 by his father, John Hall who was one of the very early settlers of northern Missouri. Adam Hall and his wife were married in Lincoln County and came south to Dade County in 1860. They rented land for a time, later buying a farm upon which they lived until their deaths. Mr. Hall served in the Sixth Missouri State Militia during the Civil War.

John A. Hall is a self-made man in every sense of the word. He has practically supported himself since he was 15 years of age. The first money that he ever earned was for working out at \$6.50 per month in the winter and \$10 during the summer season. His opportunity for schooling was exceedingly limited, although at present time he is by no means an uneducated man, having improved every opportunity for self-education by reading and observation.

He early worked in the mines, bought and sold mining and farming property and is today considered one of our substantial citizens. He was married December 3, 1882 to Martha J. Bennett, who was born November 12, 1864, in Jefferson County, Illinois, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Scott) Bennett, who emigrated to Missouri in 1866 and became prominent farmers of Dade County, was born November 24, 1826. He died February 1, 1897; she February 21, 1830, and died October 15, 1899.

To John A. Hall and his wife were born 14 children, four of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Clyde M., born December 6, 1883, married Kate Glenn and lives in Corey; John Calvin, born, September 16, 1885 married Lissie Cantrell and live near Dadeville; Ada C., born August 5, 1892, married Charles Glenn, a farmer of Dade County; Charles A., born October 23, 1894, married Bertie Glenn, a resident of Corey; Veda, born January 10, 1898, is living at home; Vada, born January 6, 1900, married Ad Morgan, a farmer living near Dadeville; Howard A., born December 3, 1903; Loyd Forrest, born December 13, 1905; Vida, born September 10, 1910 and Theodore Roosevelt, born May 13, 1912, all living at home.

At present Mr. Hall is a large dealer in mining property and is practically buying the entire output of the Zinc and lead mines of Dade County. He is also a farmer owning 200 acres in one tract, one-quarter interest of a 106-acre tract, one-third interest in an eighty, and one-half interest in a forty. 186 acres of this is good mining land. Mr. Hall is one of our foremost business men and the money he pays out annually for ore produced within the boundaries of this county is safely estimated at \$50,000.00. For twenty years the miners of this county have depended upon John Hall to dispose of their ore, and to say that he has always treated them fair and square is beyond doubt. Mr. Hall has always been a republican and very active in the counsels of his party. He served as deputy Sheriff for a term of four years in 1900. John Hall's word is as good as his bond. His is known to every man, woman and child in this county and his reputation

for honesty in all his business dealings is unquestioned. He is one of our native sons of whom we are justly proud.

HON. J. WILLIAM HANKINS.

Was born in Dade County, Missouri, January 27th, 1879, son of George W. and Ann (Dunn) Hankins, both natives of Dade County, the father having been born near Everton in 1854. They were married in Dade County about the year 1878 and settled on a farm. He is still living on a farm south of Everton. The mother died in 1880. J. William Hankins was the only child of this marriage to grow to maturity. His father, for a second wife married Rebecca Dilday a descendent of a pioneer of Dade County family. His father is a Republican in politics and a member of the A. F. & A. M. He has not been a farmer all his life, but is now in business at Picher, Okla. He was in the hardware business in Everton for about 12 or 14 years and was one of the prominent citizens of that place.

J. William Hankins received most of his education in Dade county, attending first the common schools and the High School in Everton and later the William Jewel college at Liberty. He remained at home on the farm up to the date of his marriage, February 11th, 1900 to Miss Edith Dickinson, a native of Indiana, born in 1881, came to Dade county with her parents about 1882,.

Five children were born of this marriage:

- (1) Howard D., born February 11th, 1901.
- (2) Reta Nellene, born April 13th, 1904.
- (3) Mary Etheline, born September 2nd, 1910.
- (4) Elizabeth Rebecca, born January 27th, 1914.
- (5) James William, born January 5th, 1916.

Mr. Hankins lives on his father's old homestead about one mile south of Everton. He is engaged in general farming, fruit farming and dairying. He operates a farm of 120 acres and is successful. He keeps Jersey cattle and a good grade of hogs.

In politics Mr. Hankins is an active Republican, a member of the school board and enthusiastically in favor of good roads. In 1914 he was elected to the Missouri Legislature and served one term. During the session he was a member of the Elections, Constitutional Amendment and Township Organization Committees. He was succeeded by Hon. W. S. Pelts, and was by appointment made Minority Clerk of the 49th General Assembly.

Mr. Hankins is a prominent member of the Baptist church and was licensed to preach in 1902 which occupation he follows in connection with his farming enterprises.

Mr. Hankins is what is generally styled a self-made man, having no rich relatives or influential friends to boost him. The progress he has made in the world has been due largely to his own efforts. He is a man of strong will power, courageous and energetic, and pursues his objects in life with great determination. While in the Missouri Legislature his vote was always recorded in favor of the farmer and laboring man, and his efforts were directed especially in the interest of the rural schools. It is needless to state, also, that upon all moral questions coming before the legislature, Mr. Hankins lifted his voice and cast his vote in the right direction.

WILLIAM HARPER.

The older members of the Harper family were natives of England and their early life was as stormy, tempestuous and full of danger as the ocean between this and their native land.

William Harper, the subject of this sketch, was born in Norfolk, England, April 11th, 1843, son of Benjamin and Mary (Pendel) Harper, both of whom were natives of England, were married and raised a family of nine children there.

William was next to the youngest in point of birth. In the fall of 1852 an older brother, Joseph, came to America. He was the forerunner of the Harper family in the United States. The vessel upon which Joseph

sailed encountered stormy weather and was buffeted by wind and wave for eight weeks, and was finally wrecked on the Portuguese Islands, but after some delay Joseph finally landed in New York, where he farmed for two years, then emigrated to Wisconsin, farming there for 12 years, after which he took up a homestead in Minnesota, upon which he resided seven or eight years, going from there to Nebraska, where he bought land and lived till the time of his death.

In the spring of 1853 his father came over, bringing three of his boys with him, Benjamin, Henry and John, leaving the mother and smaller children behind. The following fall the mother took sail with the remaining four children, William, Martha, Mary and Sarah, who was then married to Henry Kitteringham, who accompanied them, his other sister, Alice, having previously sailed with her sister-in-law in 1852. On the way over cholera broke out on shipboard, with no attending physician, and 45 passengers died and were buried at sea, among them William's mother. The remainder of the family settled in New York for a time, where his father died in 1855 in Penalsville.

William Harper eventually went to Wisconsin, where he stayed a number of years, then to Minnesota. He followed farming. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army in Company E, Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, under Captain William C. Young, and served three years under Colonel George W. Robins. Few soldiers saw more of the war or engaged in more important battles, the very mention of which causes the hair to stand on end. Among them were the following: Frederickstown, New Madrid, Island No. 10, Farmington, Cornith, Iuka, Holly Springs, Jackson, Champion's Hill, Mechanicsburg, Vicksburg, Shreavesport, Nashville, Tuscombe, Germantown and Guntown. He was never wounded or taken prisoner. He was discharged at Memphis, Tenn., September 16th, 1864, and returned home.

He was married in Fairbault County, Minnesota, August 23rd, 1868, to Carrie Laws, who was born in

England April 24th, 1850, daughter of Major and Maria (Hensbey) Laws, both born in England, married there, came to the United States in 1858, settled in Iowa, near the north line of the state, where they farmed and where they also both died.

At about the time of his marriage William Harper took up a homestead of 160 acres, where they lived for five years, then removed to Iowa, where he bought a 40-acre tract of land, which he worked, and also worked out till coming to Dade County in 1888. On his arrival in Dade County he bought 80 acres of land in Center Township, north of Greenfield, where he now lives and which he still owns. Here he farmed and prospered, buying an additional 40 acres, making him 120 acres in one body. They are now living practically a retired life in comfort and contentment.

William Harper and wife have been blessed with a family of 10 children, all of whom are living:

(1) Edwin E., born February 8th, 1870, married Emma Oakley, a native of Dade County. They live in Plattville, Weld County, Colorado, where they are homestead farmers.

(2) Frederick W., born September 3rd, 1872, married Belle Smith of Minnesota. They live in Idaho and have a family of six children, Eva, Myrtle, Eddie, Ernest, Gerald and Elmer.

(3) Ellen M., born December 15th, 1873, married Philip Duffy a Dade County farmer. They have two children, Neva and Raymond.

(4) Charles W., born September 22nd, 1876, married Millie Judd of Greenfield, live in Sac Township and have 10 children, Orvil, William, Eliza, Ethel, Florence, Elsie, Lena, John, Josie and Lee.

(5) Edith E., born October 3rd, 1878, married David Vaughn of Dade County, live in Sac Township, and have four children, Virgil, Bertha, Osa and Goldie.

(6) Florence S., born October 30th, 1880, educated in the schools of Dade County, attended Ozark College,

has taught three terms of school in Franklin district, and is still living at home.

(7) Sherman J., born January 1st, 1883, married Leona Williams, live in West Center Township. They have five children, Floyd, Gladys, Bernice, Ora and Blanche.

(8) Mary A., born February 2nd, 1885, married Arthur Rose, a farmer, living in Oklahoma. They have three children, Maurice, Archie and Vera.

(9) Carrie A., born January 1st, 1887, married Hugh Duffy, a farmer in North Township. They have six children, Oda, Thelma, Mabel, Earl, Carl and Wilma.

(10) Harrie H., born October 19th, 1889, in Dade County, married Jessie Owens of Greenfield and live in North Center Township, working the home farm. They have two children, Eugenia and Dorothy.

By the above record it will be seen that Mr. and Mrs. Harper have 38 living grandchildren.

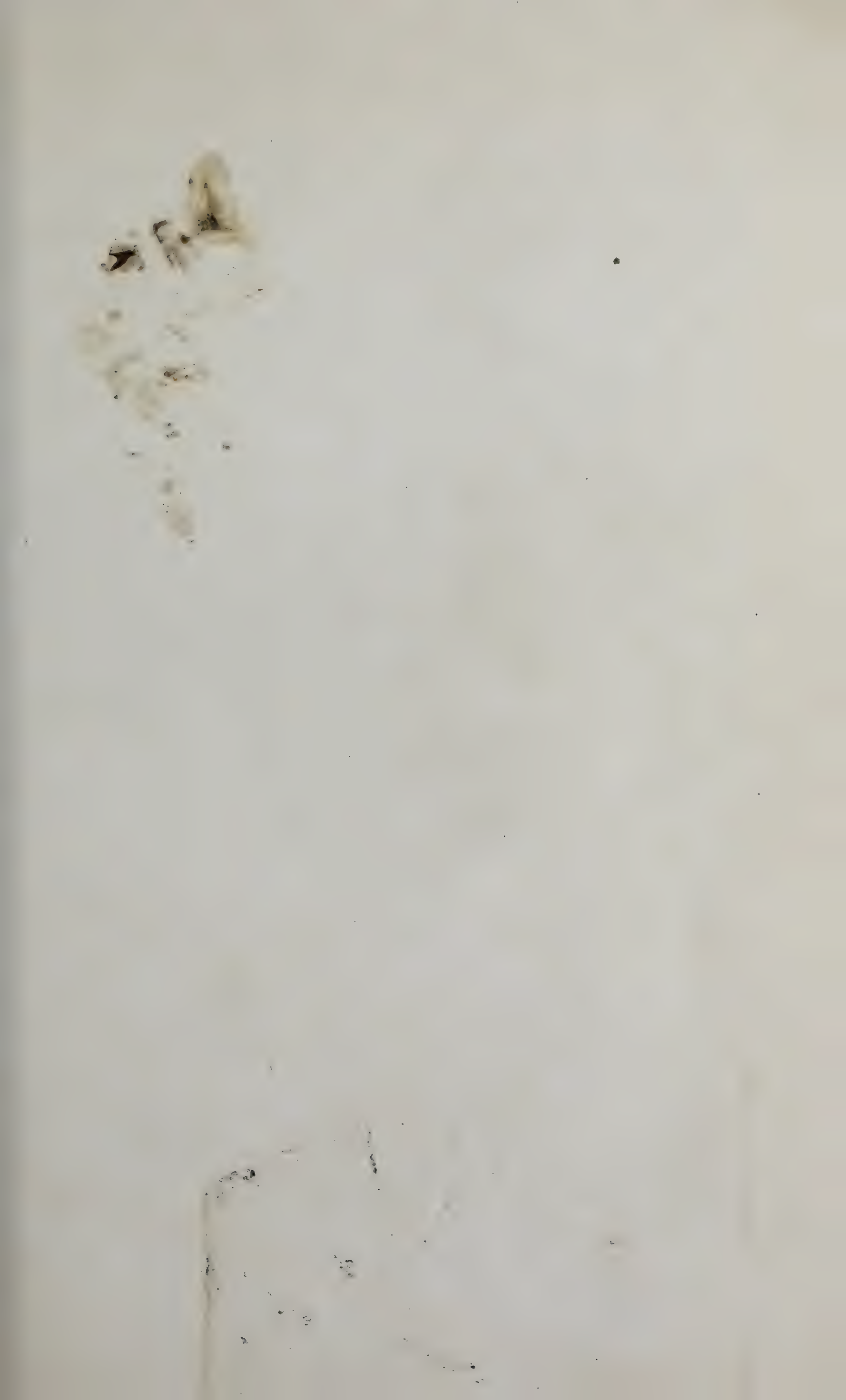
Mr. Harper is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Greenfield, a Republican in politics, never aspired to hold an office, preferring a quiet home life and its enjoyments to the turmoil of the political whirl.

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JUDGE G. W. HAMIC.

Was born in East Tennessee on the 1st day of April, 1840, son of Martin and Nancy (Magee) Hamic, both natives of Tennessee, where they were married and where they both died. They were farmers and had a family of six children, George W. being fourth in point of birth. All stayed in Tennessee except James, who came to Dade County about 1872. He followed farming in Dade County four of five years and then returned to Tennessee, where he died.

George W. Hamic came to Dade County in 1870. He had followed farming in Tennessee up to that time. Part of the trip was made by railway and partly by wagon. He settled on a farm about one and one-half miles south of South Greenfield. He first bought an unimproved 80



acres of land, upon which he built a log house, cleared out most of it and did well in farming. In 1874 he erected a good log house and outbuildings, and was married to Sarah Bowman September 14th, 1874. She was born in Tennessee May 27th, 1849, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Evans) Bowman. They came to Dade County about 1868 and settled about one and one-half miles south of South Greenfield. They were farmers and very successful. He died in Dade County, and her mother returned to Tennessee, and died there.

G. W. Hamic and wife retired from active farm work in 1913 and moved to South Greenfield, where he bought a fine, comfortable home. They are the parents of five children, all living:

(1) Vidie Ellen, born July 8th, 1875, married Robert Jeffreys, a Dade County farmer. They have one child, Edgar.

(2) William David, born March 10th, 1877, married Carrie Grewell, a native of Colorado. He is a barber of Loveland, Colo., and they have one child, Willa M.

(3) May Elizabeth, born September 3rd, 1884, married Ellis Tatum of Everton, Mo., the Frisco railroad agent. They have one child, Paul Ellis.

(4) Albert W., born May 22nd, 1887, married Irene Steed, a native of Kansas. He lives in Kansas City and is with Montgomery, Ward & Co. They have three children, Albert, William Robert and George.

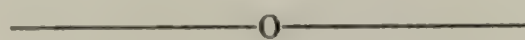
(5) Effie, born February 19th, 1890. She is at home.

Mr. Hamic is a Republican in politics and was elected judge of the county court in Dade County in 1904 on that ticket, and served with distinction for one term. As a judge, he was always fair, clear-headed and impartial. He has served as director on the local school board for many years. He sold his fine farm in 1917. He has always been a prominent man in local affairs and a leader in public enterprises.

George W. Hamic is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company D, First Tennessee Infantry, under Captain J. W. Branson, and served three years and

40 days. He was engaged in the battles of Murphreesboro, Chattanooga, and was with Sherman in his march "From Atlanta to the Sea." He was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., September 17th, 1864.

Mr. Hamic is a man who enjoys the confidence and respect of his neighbors, a quiet, unassuming man of few words, but firm and resolute in his undertakings. Dade County boasts of no better citizen than Judge George W. Hamic.



HUGH HARRISON.

Was born in Greenfield, Mo., June 4th, 1874, a son of John Harrison, who died in Greenfield, Mo., in the year 1917 at the age of 93 years. The elder Harrison was of English ancestry. Hugh Harrison was raised in Greenfield, attended the public schools, spent several years in the Advocate office, and was assistant postmaster under W. R. Bowles in the Cleveland administration. He was employed in that vocation for four years, and in 1898 he engaged in the furniture business with his brothers, Edwin and Charles, under the style and firm name of Harrison Bros., in which business he is still engaged.

He was married in October, 1898, to Eleanor Kate Shafer, who was born in Greenfield in 1874, a daughter of Judge L. W. and Jennie (Bowles) Shafer, her father in his lifetime having served a part of one term as circuit judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial Circuit.

In politics Mr. Harrison is an active Democrat. Fraternally he is a member of all four branches of the A. F. & A. M., and has filled the various official positions in the Masonic, M. W. A. and W. O. W. lodges. He is an expert embalmer and undertaker, and enjoys a splendid business, both in the furniture and the undertaking departments. Mrs. Harrison is a lady of culture and refinement, of a splendid family, active in club work, and successfully manages the business of Harrison Bros. on occasions of temporary absence of her husband.

ALBERT CLINTON HAYWARD.

Among the venerable native sons of Dade County, none is more worthy of an honorable mention than the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this article. Mr. Hayward was born in Dade County July 22nd, 1842, and has spent his life in our midst. The son of Edward and Caroline (Smith) Hayward, he is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., while his wife was born in Eastern Tennessee. He was a musician and an exceptionally fine dancer, as were all of his sons. He made a trip from Buffalo, N. Y., to Detroit, Mich., on skates, by way of Lake Erie, beating train time, the year he was 21 years old.

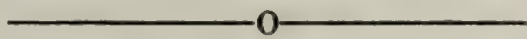
Mr. Hayward Sr. enlisted in the United States army and served in the Black Hawk war, and later drifted into Dade County, where he found and married his wife in 1840. Miss Smith was a daughter of one of the first pioneer families of this section of Missouri. He was a ship-builder and a skilled carpenter by trade, and it is a well known fact that he built a great many of the early buildings of the county, among them the mill at Hulston, which was called Pemberton Mills at that early date. He died here in 1896, while his wife had preceded him, passing away in 1883. They raised a large and useful family. Albert was the oldest, and the following is a complete list, giving their places of residence as far as is known: William Dixon and Meridith are residents of Kansas; Almira, now Mrs Gains Carmack of Canada; Emma, who married C. L. Pyle, is now deceased; John lives near Neola, Dade County; Edward died about 1896; Bettie, now Mrs. William McCracken of Arkansas; Charles is in Cedar County, Missouri; Roberta, now Mrs. Morgan Litle of Dade County, and Matilda married Arma Pyle and is deceased. Albert C. Hayward was a wide-awake and industrious youth. He remained at home, working, until the war broke out, when he enlisted November 1st, 1861, in Company E, Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and served two years and four months, and was discharged at St. Louis, Mo., February 17th, 1864, on account of dis-

ability. He returned home in a weakened condition, was nominated on the Republican ticket for county assessor and was elected in 1865, and soon after, on March 15th, 1866, was married to Harriet Adelia Rector, who was a native of Tennessee, born September 12th, 1847, and a daughter of Grigsby and Angeline (Butler) Rector, both natives of Tennessee, and married there in 1845, and emigrated to Dade County in 1852, settling on 160 acres of government land near Dadeville. Grigsby Rector enlisted in the Confederate army and was killed while in active service in Arkansas, but no records are obtainable as to the circumstances. Mrs. Rector is still living, at the advanced age of 88 years, making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Hayward. Of her six children, with whom she was left and for whom she had to provide during the war, there are four now living. They are Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. L. C. Dunaway of Dadeville, Mrs. Dr. C. F. Wilson of Memphis, Tex., and Mrs. David Tackett of Stockton, Cedar County, Missouri.

Mr. Hayward, subject of this sketch, followed the carpenter trade and also farmed, but did not secure any land in his own name until 1867, when he bought 120 acres in Sac Township. This was partly improved, had a small low house and little land cleared, and upon this tract he lived for 21 years, prospered, and added several small tracts. In 1888 he sold out his Sac Township holdings and bought 240 acres of improved land in North Morgan Township, where he now lives in a nice, large frame residence. He has prospered greatly and is now considered one of the wealthy farmers of that section of the county. His present land holdings comprise his original purchase of 240 acres and a fine 120 adjoining him on the east and 160 acres in section 11 still further east, making 520 acres of the finest land the county affords. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward have been blessed with a fine family, of whom they are justly proud. There are six children living, as follows: Ina, born April 29th, 1874, married F. M. Perkins, lives in Cedar County and have two children, Ombra Marion and Amos Hayward Perkins; Albert Clinton, born April

27th, 1876, lives in Springfield, where he is a prominent attorney, and has one child, named Edgar Marion Albert Hayward; Ada Madge, born June 29th, 1876, is a finely-educated young woman, and is living at home with her parents; Hubert H., born June 22nd, 1882, is a business man of Greenfield; William Henry, born July 25th, 1886, is working the home place, and Homer, born September 24th, 1888, lives in Dadeville.

Mr. Hayward, as well as members of his family, are much interested in good public schools and have been active in their advancement, Mr. Hayward having served on the school board for over 30 years, and his wife was a teacher for some years before her marriage, while Miss Ada Madge, after receiving a fine education at the Everten High School and the State Normal at Springfield and the Normal at Warrensburg, spent ten years in teaching in Dade, Cedar and Polk Counties. In politics Mr. Hayward is a Republican and stands high in the councils of his party. He is now township collector. Mr. Hayward is a broad-minded business man, always ready to help with his time and money any enterprise for the good of the county. He is a booster for good roads, progressive enough to own and drive an automobile, a member of the Christian church, in which he is prominent, as is his wife, a member of the G. A. R. at Springfield, and an all-around, highly-respected and desirable citizen, and a man we all delight to honor. May he live long among us and enjoy his declining years to the full. His is a life well worthy of emulation by our children and their children's children.



EX-JUDGE JOEL T. HEMBREE.

Deceased.

The late Joel T. Hembree was one of Dade County's foremost citizens. He was born in Roane County, Tennessee, October 21, 1824, and was the son of Isaac and Mary (Blake) Hembree, and the grandson of Joel Hembree, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and who emigrated to Roane County, Tennessee, in 1806.

Isaac Hembree was born in Startensburg District, South Carolina, in 1796, and was of Welch ancestry. He was but 10 years of age when he went with his parents to Tennessee, and in that state grew to manhood. He was married in Roane County in 1823, and in 1852 came to Cedar County, Missouri, locating one-half mile east of Stockton. He died in 1864, having been very prominent in Cedar County affairs, and served as judge of that county. He was a soldier of the war of 1812 and was twice married. His second wife was Miss Selissa S. Price, a native of Tennessee, who died in 1883. Mr. Hembree's first wife, Mary Blake, was born in Roane County, Tennessee, in 1803, and died in 1836. She was the mother of seven children, Joel T. being the eldest. He was reared to farming, and also assisted his father in running a mill and cotton gin, was proficient in operating a machine, and also assisted his father in running a distillery. In February, 1850, he married Miss Nancy Hembree, a cousin, who was born in Roane County, Tennessee, in 1830. Two children were born to them, Marrietta C., who married W. C. Marcum, who are now both deceased, and Charles C., who is now a resident of New York City. The same year of his marriage Mr. Hembree left his native state and moved to Dade County, Missouri, locating six miles northeast of Greenfield. He was a large land-owner, possessing some 1,200 acres, and was a very successful farmer. August 12th, 1862, he enlisted in the Enrolled Militia, and in November of the following year he enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Missouri Cavalry, serving until July 1, 1865, when he was discharged at Springfield, Mo. He was a brave and gallant soldier and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant.

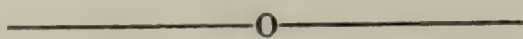
Mr. Hembree was a Democrat in politics up to the war, his first presidential vote being cast for General Cass in 1848. Since and during the war he affiliated with the Republican party. After the war he returned to farming, which he continued until 1887, when he entered the milling business. In 1854 he lost his wife, and in April of the subsequent year he married Miss Nancy Hays,

a native of Indiana, born in 1834. Four children were the result of this union, as follows: Louis J., who is living in Idaho; Hugh A. of Los Angeles, Cal.; Isaac A., living near Seybert, Dade County, and Harriett C., who died young. Mrs. Hembree died in January, 1864. In March of that same year Mr. Hembree married Miss Sarah J. Marcum, who was born in Tennessee December 29th, 1843, a daughter of John W. and Melissa (Craig) Marcum, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. They came to Dade County in 1856, settling six miles northeast of Greenfield, where they bought and entered land living there until their demise. They were both buried in the Hays cemetery. To this couple were born five children, of whom Mrs. Hembree was the oldest.

To Joel T. Hembree and his wife, Sarah J. Marcum, were born ten children, namely, Mollie, born September 24th, 1865, is living with her mother at Everton, Mo.; Ida M., born August 23, 1867, is now Mrs. Robert Brockman of Carthage, Mo., and they have two children, Harry B., born January 1st, 1889, married Chloe Baldrige, a native of Iowa, and they have two children, Robert and Catherine, they residing in Sedalia, Mo., and Mary, born March 6th, 1892, is now Mrs. Ernest A. Mayabb of Joplin, Mo.; Otis C., born March 14, 1869, married Martha Hembree, and they have three boys, Mary G., James and Belton. He is a prominent farmer of Cedar County. Sarah Annis, born May 17, 1872, married Thomas A. Sharp, a prominent business man of Springfield, Mo. They have one child, Sallie, born July 9th, 1907. Maude, born July 14th, 1877, is the wife of Judge John J. McConnell, a complete sketch of whom may be found elsewhere. Joel M., born May 28th, 1875, married Grace Smith, a native of Indiana, and they are the parents of five children, namely, Sadie, Mildred, Joel Reeves, Laura and Susie Lucile. They reside in Kelso, Wash. Susie L., born April 25, 1877, is now Mrs. Frank Carlock of Everton. Grant, born September 28th, 1879, married Lillie McConnell, a native of Virginia, where they are now living. They have four children, George, Kathryn, Lucile

and Joel Frank. James G., born July 7th, 1881, is a miner of Kellog, Idaho. Dana Byrd, born July 20th, 1883, is a resident of Long Beach, Cal.

Joel T. Hembree served as presiding judge of the county court for four years and was public administrator for two years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity in Greenfield Lodge No. 446 and was also a member of the Greenfield Post No. 75, G. A. R. He was a member of the Christian church. He died August 21, 1913, at the advanced age of 89 years, after having lived a life of extreme activity and of great usefulness to his county and state. He was a man beloved by all. His descendants are among our very best citizens, and Dade County will ever keep green the memory of this fine, Christian gentleman. His widow, Mrs. Sarah J. Hembree, now resides in her beautiful home at Everton, Mo., where she numbers her friends by the hundreds. Truly, Joel T. Hembree set an example of morality and right living that would be well for our children to follow. He made a success in life and passed away secure in the faith of the Christian church. Peace to his memory.



OREN V. HEMBREE.

Was born in Morgan Township, Dade County, Missouri, January 7th, 1855, son of Hugh L. Hembree, who died in 1901 at about the age of 76 years. He came to Dade County with his parents in 1832 and located at Melville. They were farmers. His father's name was James Hembree. They remained a while in Dade County and then moved to Arkansas, and in 1842 or 1843 they returned to Dade County. They were originally from Tennessee. They entered and bought land in Morgan Township. Hugh L. Hembree was a young man when he came to Dade County. He had the advantage of but little schooling, about three months in all. He served in the Union army during the Civil war, but was discharged for disabilities. He had attained the rank of corporal. After



W. J. DAVIS.

the war he resumed his farming occupation, and died at the home of Oren V. Hembree.

The mother of Oren V. Hembree was formerly Annette Bender, a native of Tennessee. She had a common school education, was of German ancestry, a daughter of Samuel Bender, who came from Germany, settled in Tennessee, and later came to Dade County. This was about the year 1840. He was a noted physician and well known in Dade County. He married Mary Dawes, a lady of English ancestry. The Hembrees were of Irish-English extraction.

Hugh L. Hembree and wife were the parents of 12 children, nine of whom grew to maturity.

Oren V. Hembree was raised on a farm, and attended district school and a select school at Dadeville. At the age of 25 years he began the study of medicine. He attended lectures at the St. Louis Medical College and in the Missouri School of Medicine at St. Louis, and finally graduated from the Louisville Medical College, getting his diploma in 1895. He began the practice of his profession in Boone County, Arkansas, and later opened an office in Dadeville. He practiced a number of years before his final graduation. He continued the practice in Dadeville till the year 1915, when he moved to Greenfield.

He is attaining considerable success at the county seat. He was married in 1883 to Etta Stillwell, born in Missouri, but married in Boone County, Arkansas. By this union three children were born, one growing to maturity:

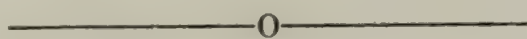
(1) Greta, born in Dade County in 1892, graduated from Warrensburg High School and took practically a full course at the Warrensburg State Normal, and afterward taught school. She was married to Samuel Allen, a farmer, in Boulder, Wyo. She has one child, Leona May, about 2 years old.

Etta Stilwell Hembree died several years ago, and for his second wife Mr. Hembree married Minnie Hawley, born in Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri, in September, 1878, daughter of Harvey and Mary (Shoemaker) Hawley.

To this union one child was born, Ariel Maxine, November 22nd, 1908.

Mr. Hembree is a member of the Christian church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the W. O. W. Politically Dr. Hembree votes the Republican ticket. He holds membership in the Southwest Missouri Medical Association.

Since coming to Greenfield he has purchased a neat little cottage on Wells street, and is enjoying a good practice in his chosen profession.



DAVID HIGGINS.

The early life and history of the subject of this sketch was one of poverty, sorrow and adversity. He was born at Fayetteville, Ark., March 20th, 1858, son of Linville Higgins and Sarah (Woodrow) Higgins. Both his parents were married in North Carolina and were among a number of families who came west from the old "Tar Heel" state, and located in Arkansas in an early date, where land was cheap and plentiful. His father took up land when David was yet a very small boy. His mother died about the year 1860, and about a year later the next tragedy of his life occurred. His father was called to the door of his home at the dead hour of midnight, and, without warning, was shot seven times and instantly killed. The dastardly deed was the work of "Bushwhackers." David was sleeping with his father at the time, and can well remember the bloody incident. His father had two sons in the Civil war, one wearing the blue and the other the gray. John was in the Confederate service, and afterward died near Greenfield, and his widow still lives in that city. His brother, Moses, joined the Union forces and died of disease in the service. Besides David, there was one other brother, William, who died in Dade County about 20 years ago, and three sisters, viz: Jane, who first married John Grider. He died, and she afterward married Martin Van Horn of Dade County. Both are now deceased. Nannie, his second sis-

ter, died in Dade County, single, when about 23 years of age. Nina, his youngest sister married Witt Vaughn. She died about the year 1900, leaving a family of three children.

David Higgins, at the age of 4 years, was brought from Arkansas to Dade County by his older sister and brother, William. They came overland, and, in company with a number of neighbors, settled near Greenfield.

Young David, during these years, was buffeted from pillar to post, living first with one family and then with another, until finally an old settler by the name of Paten Gardner took pity on the boy and gave him a home for five years. David was 9 years of age when his oldest brother returned from the war, rented a farm, and, in company with his oldest sister, established a home. It was in this home that David grew to manhood, attending the neighborhood schools, working out for his board, farming during the summer season and supporting himself while attending Ozark College in Greenfield.

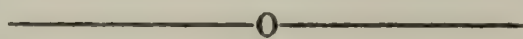
At the age of 22 years he married Eliza Cates, a native of Dade County, who was born December 5th, 1853, a daughter of Newel Cates and Mary (Snaden) Cates, the former being a native of North Carolina, while the latter was a native of Kentucky. Mr. Cates was a saddler by trade and came to Greenfield at a very early date, when there were but few houses in the town, and opened a store. He did not follow the mercantile occupation long, but became a farmer upon a tract of land containing 80 acres, which he purchased and which is now within the corporate limits of Greenfield. A few years he sold this tract of land and moved to a farm of 640 acres which his wife heired from the estate of William Snaden, the grandfather of Mrs. Higgins.

David Higgins and Eliza Cates were married on the 6th day of August, 1879. Two children were born of this marriage, Lydia Mary, who married James Carr of Greenfield, Mo., and L. D. Higgins, each of whom are given an extended mention in another chapter in this history.

Mr. Higgins purchased his first land in Dade County in 1881, a 40-acre tract, all in cultivation, which he still owns. It is located in South Township and comprises a part of his present farm. Since moving upon this land, Mr. Higgins has been prosperous to such an extent that in 1891 he bought 100 acres in Washington Township. He also occupied and cultivated a splendid farm of 180 acres which his wife heired from her mother, a daughter of William Snaden. Mr. Higgins has added to his original purchase, until he now has 380 acres in his home place, the 140 acres that he first purchased, or 520 acres in all, after having given a farm to his son, L. D. Higgins. Mrs. Higgins also owns in her own right an undivided one-fifth interest in 320 acres in South Township, which came to her from her uncle, William Snaden, now deceased.

Mr. Higgins is still actively engaged in farming enterprises, raising graded Whiteface cattle, buying and selling horses and mules, raising, feeding and shipping one or two carloads of stock each year.

In politics Mr. Higgins has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and in church membership he belongs to the M. E. church (South.) His office-holding career has been confined to that of school director, which office he has filled for 12 years. He is a director of the R. S. Jacobs Banking Co. of Greenfield, and was one of its original stockholders. He has always been an ardent supporter of the public schools, and exemplifies his road-boasting by personally grading the roads adjoining his farms. His real estate holdings are among the most desirable, as well as valuable, in Dade County, and he is one among the many old settlers to enjoy the luxury of riding in an up-to-date equipment manufactured by Henry J. Ford.



LYNVILLE D. HIGGINS.

Born in Dade County, Missouri, July 11th, 1882, son of David and Ann Eliza (Cates) Higgins, the former being a native of South Carolina and the latter a native of Dade

County, being a daughter of Newell Cates, who was one of the leading pioneer citizens and office-holders of Dade County.

Lynville D. Higgins entered upon the game of life when he was 18 years of age, following the ancient advice to go west, which he did, landing in Colorado, and for four months worked in a lumber yard, when thoughts of the home land and his father's house brought him back to Dade County, where he engaged in farming with his father on the home place till 1904, when he purchased 120 acres in Washington Township. At that time the land was poorly improved, but in 1910 he added 80 acres to his original purchase, and in September, 1916, his wife purchased 120 acres adjoining, making a fine farm of 320 acres in one block. In 1915 they erected perhaps the finest farm residence in the county, consisting of eight rooms, all elegantly furnished, modern in every respect, hot and cold water throughout, the admiration and delight of everyone who visited them. In less than two years, however, the fire fiend claimed this elegant structure for a victim, causing a total loss, except a few articles of furniture.

Splendid barns and outbuildings were constructed in keeping with the other appointments of the farm.

Mr. Higgins is an extensive feeder and shipper of live stock. In politics he is a democrat, but not an office-seeker, is a booster for good roads, financially as well as verbally.

On the 5th day of March, 1904, he was married to Capitola Johnson, a daughter of J. F. Johnson, one of the wealthiest as well as most distinguished citizens of the county. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but came to Dade County in an early day, engaged in milling, farming, banking and money-lending, being successful in every line and at the time of his death left a large estate, both here and in Pennsylvania.

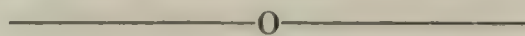
Capitola was born November 2nd, 1884, an educated lady of refined tastes and queenly habits, active in Country Club work and sagacious in business.

To this union two children were born:

(1) Eloise, born December 8th, 1908.

(2) Mary Frances, born August 26th, 1911.

Mrs. Higgins is a member of the Presbyterian church.



L. B. HIGGINS.

One of the very prominent men of the western side of Dade County is L. B. Higgins of Cedar Township. He was born in Allegheny County, North Carolina, October 13th, 1858, a son of William and Mary Ellen (Andrus) Higgins, both natives of North Carolina, where they were married, and came to Dade County, Missouri, in 1873, buying a half section of land in Cedar Township. This was raw land, the only improvement being a small house. He and his family went to work industriously to break and improve the place. They fenced the entire tract with rails.

When William Higgins and his wife came to Missouri they brought a family of seven children, and had one child born to them after their arrival in this country. A brief record of this family is as follows: Valegia is now Mrs. C. C. Duncan of Dade County. Calvin J., who died in 1894, was one of the early school teachers of Dade County; he married Sarah Martin, who is also deceased; they raised a family of three children who are now prominent citizens of this part of Missouri, being Mrs. Gertrude Gray, R. W. Higgins and Grace E. Pearson; the first two named are teachers of Barton County, Missouri. Aby, now Mrs. R. J. Taylor of Barton County. David R. lives in Easton, Colo., where he is farming. Joseph H. is a farmer of Dade County. Mollie, now Mrs. R. M. Cross of Dade County. Phoeby is now Mrs. C. A. Martin of Colorado. L. B. is the subject of this review.

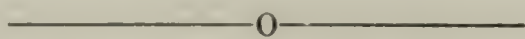
L. B. Higgins received some schooling in early life, but, of course, was not given the advantages that our children of today are receiving. He is, however, a well-educated man, having always been a great reader and has profited by observation. He has always lived on the home place, known as the old Higgins homestead, which he now

owns. His father passed away about 1895, who at one time owned as much as 640 acres of good land. He gave each of his children a good start in life in the shape of 40 acres each. He was a soldier in the Confederate army, in which he was conscripted, but only served a short time. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Baptist church, and, taken altogether, was a highly-respected Christian gentleman. His wife passed away July 19, 1908.

L. B. Higgins has made a success of farming and stock raising. He started his farm operations for himself on 80 acres of the original homestead, 40 acres of which he had received from his father, and an adjoining 40 he purchased from one of his brothers. He later bought 80 acres adjoining him on the south, making 160 acres in a body, which is one of the fine farms of Cedar Township. This place is all fenced with wire and has good outbuildings, and in 1897 Mr. Higgins built a large frame residence. On March 27, 1881, he was married to Lydia L. Taylor, who was born March 28, 1864, in northern Missouri, a daughter of Perry H. and Mary R. (Allen) Taylor, who were married in Chariton County, Missouri, and came to Dade County in 1873, settling in Cedar Township, where he carried on farming and merchandising. He was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. He died October 13, 1914, while his wife is still living, at the advanced age of 75, at Milford, Mo. They were the parents of a fine family, five of whom are now living. They are as follows: Matilda, who is now Mrs. Dr. T. H. Duckett of Milford, Mo.; John W. Taylor is a resident of Colorado; Molly, now Mrs. J. A. Rector of Barton County, Missouri; Laura, now Mrs. W. M. Crookston of Rock Springs, Wyo.

To Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Higgins have been born two children, as follows: Eva, born October 18, 1884, married E. W. Wagaman, a farmer, of Barton County, and they have three children, May, Blanche and Hester; Willa, born November 26, 1887, married J. F. Wagaman of Fruita, Colo., where they reside, and have a fine family of five children, named Roy, Paul, Orval, Hazel and Earl

Bryant. Mr. Higgins is an active Republican. In 1894 he was elected as county assessor, serving two years, during which time he lived in Greenfield. He has served two years as township assessor, was elected this year (1917) to the same office, and for thirty years has been a member of the school board. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church (South) at Cedarville. Fraternally Mr. Higgins is a member of the A. F. & A. M. at Milford, and the Modern Woodmen of America at Jerico. Too much cannot be said of the high standing of this fine family. As a general farmer and stock raiser, Mr. Higgins ranks second to none. He has lived a Christian life, and morally his entire record is above reproach, and he numbers his friends by the hundreds in both Dade and Barton Counties. He is a broad-minded, courteous Christian gentleman, who it is a pleasure to meet and know, and we do not hesitate to place him in the front rank of Dade County's very best citizenship.



WILLIAM M. HOEL.

Born at Lockwood, Mo., November 28th, 1881, son of William B. and Mary J. (Hollowpeter) Hoel, being the youngest of a family of four children, three of whom are now deceased. His father was a native of New York of English ancestry. Enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment, and served three years in the Civil war, when he was discharged for disability. Came to Dade County about the year 1870, located at King's Point, where, in company with his brother, Charles E. Hoel, he conducted a general merchandise store, until the building of the railroad through the county and the founding of Lockwood, 1881, when they moved to the new town and established one of the first general merchandise stores in the place, under the name of Hoel Bros. Of late years, William B. Hoel has been engaged in the real estate business at Lockwood, where he now resides, at the age of 74 years. He is a member of the M. E. church, a local preacher, an Odd Fellow, and also a member of

the G. A. R., and a Republican in politics. His wife, Mary J. Hoel, was born in Pennsylvania, of Dutch parentage, daughter of Mathias and Mary Hollowpeter, farmers, originally from Holland. She is now deceased. They were the parents of five children, their oldest dying in infancy:

(2) Cora, married Benjamin Laughlin, a Colorado ranchman, both of whom are now deceased. They had four children.

(3) Katherine, married C. T. Wooldridge, a real estate man in Kansas City. She is now deceased, leaving two children.

(4) Gertrude R., married Homer Laughlin, a Colorado ranchman. She is now deceased, leaving one child.

(5) William M. Hoel.

William M. Hoel was reared to manhood in Lockwood. He attended the public schools of the city, entered Marionville College in 1896, taking the scientific course, graduating in 1900, after which he entered a medical school in Kansas City, graduating in 1906, after which he located at Sheridan, Wyo., in the practice of his profession. In 1912 he returned to Lockwood and took up the general practice of medicine, with splendid success.

In 1906 he was married to Ella E. Stetzler, a lady of refinement and culture, born at Abilene, Kas., in 1886. She was a daughter of George W. and Jane Stetzler, who moved from Illinois to Kansas and then to Kansas City. He was a general contractor by occupation.

William M. Hoel and wife are the parents of one child, Luella May, born in 1908. They are both members of the M. E. church. Mr. Hoel united with the Elks at Sheridan, Wyo., is a member of the local W. O. W., and is its physician, also a member of the American Medical Association. He is a Republican in politics.

His cottage home is one of the most picturesque in the city, being among the first of the bungalow type to be erected. Mr. Hoel and wife are noted for their hospitality and are active in church and civic circles.

He is now a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army located at Camp Doniphan, Okla.

FREDERICK HODDE.

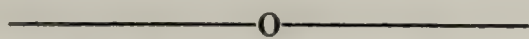
Germany has given to this country thousands and thousands of her native sons to enrich our citizenship, and to the sons of Germany we are indebted to a large extent for the wonderful advancement of these, the United States of America.

Frederick Hodde was born in Westphale, Germany, October 4, 1851, a son of Charles Frederick Hodde and Mary Whemenn, his wife. He was born in France in 1801, and she in France in 1802. His father, grandfather of our subject, Frederick Hodde, was a soldier under General Napoleon, and was in the Russian campaign, where he was frozen to death near Moscow, Russia, in 1809. Charles Frederick Hodde in later life was a farmer of Germany. They were Lutherans in religious belief and were forced into Germany from France by the Catholics, who confiscated their property about the year 1812. They received land from the German government, and here he grew to manhood, was educated and lived until he died, in 1882. His wife preceded him, in 1881.

Frederick Hodde received his education in Germany, and followed the occupation of farming up until he was 30 years of age. He married there a Miss Louise Bock, who died about 1879, after bearing him one son, named William Hodde, who is now a prosperous farmer of Dade County, where he married Mary Brunner, and they have five children. Frederick Hodde married as his second wife in Germany Miss Louise Winkelmann in 1879, and in 1880 emigrated to America, coming to Missouri, bringing his new wife and his small son, William. They spent some two years in St. Louis, where he worked at carpentering and in the lumber business, and came to Dade County in 1882. For the first three years they rented land in Marion Township, then bought 160 acres, upon which they lived for 20 years. Here Frederick Hodde prospered exceedingly. He first added an 80-acre tract, joining, then a 99-acre tract, then a 55-acre tract, and built him a very fine house. In 1889 he bought 40 acres, where he now lives, and to this he has added a 20. He owned at one

time as many as 454 acres of some of the best land that Dade County affords, which speaks volumes for Frederick Hodde, and also for Dade County, for he began with practically nothing. His second wife died in September, 1896, leaving six children, as follows: Henry, of Texas; Charles, of North Missouri; Frederick, of Iowa; Minnie, now Mrs. W. W. Bohne, of Lockwood Township; Mary, now, Mrs. Fred Pepinbrink, of Grant Township, and Emma, now Mrs. Ernest Rosenthal, of Iowa. Again, on September 20, 1911, Mr. Hodde married Anetta (Duncan) Cornell, the widow of W. F. Cornell, who died in 1904, leaving four children, as follows: Lee Cornell of Colorado; Ara, now Mrs. R. C. DeVault of Nebraska, and mother of one child, Viona; James Cornell of Nebraska, and Lloyd, who was accidentally killed in 1915, at the age of 12 years.

Frederick Hodde has given all of his children the advantages of fine educations, as well as material help with land, money, etc. He has sold some of his land, but he is still a hard-working man. He manages and works some 220 acres, with his usual success. He also owns land in Germany. Fred Hodde is a red-hot Republican, but he does not care to hold office. He ranks first among our citizenship, into which he was naturalized in the year 1895. It is indeed a pleasure to meet and know this fine gentleman. His home is hospitable, and one can learn much along all lines during a few hours' conversation with this German-American of such wide experience. We are proud to own Frederick Hodde as a citizen of Dade County. He and his kind have been a blessing to this part of the state of Missouri, and our earnest wish is that he may live long and always remain a citizen of this county, where he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him, and they are many.



MARTIN VAN BUREN HOLMAN.

Among the venerable citizens of Dade County, none is better known and respected than Uncle Van Holman, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Overton County,

Tennessee, April 4th, 1840, the son of William and Mary Holman, both natives of North Carolina, where they were married, and emigrated to Tennessee over 100 years ago. Uncle Van was the youngest of eleven children that lived to be grown, but out of this large family he is the only one now living. Uncle Van remained in Tennessee until he was 17 years old, when he started north with a party named Carter. He had a team and a little money, so when Mr. Carter decided to locate further east, he pushed on to Dade County, as did his partner and friend, John Belk. He bought 80 acres of partly improved land in 1859 and stayed on this for some three years, at which time he moved to Cedar County, buying 280 acres adjoining Stockton. Farming this for about five years, he decided to return to good old Dade County, and consequently sold his Cedar County holdings, and bought, in 1870, 320 acres in Polk Township. For some seven years he farmed on this place, then bought a tract of 172 acres, where he now lives, later adding a fine 240 adjoining him on the south and east, which he later gave to his son, Oliver. Uncle Van has always been an industrious citizen and has prospered through the years, and by fair dealing has not only become one of the wealthy men of the county, but has won for himself the name of being one of our foremost citizens, beloved and honored by all, young and old alike. He married, November 15th, 1860, Mrs. Jane (Langford) Holman. She was the daughter of Andy J. Holman, who came to Dade County in 1851, leaving his daughter back in Tennessee, where she had married a Mr. Langford. About 1859 Mr. Langford died, leaving his wife and two children, so Andy Holman, the widow's father, returned to Tennessee, brought her and the children out to Dade, and Uncle Van promptly took possession of her as his wife, for he had known her as a young lady in Tennessee. To this union there were eight children, as follows: William S., now deceased, and a sketch of him will be found elsewhere; Newton E., born October 23rd, 1864, married Miss Maggie Cowan and lives in South Morgan Township; Ida Isabel, born in 1867 and died in 1884; Zora,

born August 5th, 1869, married William Dunn, and lives in Polk County; Oliver and Olive, twins, born May 5th, 1872, Olive dying at the age of 7, and Oliver is a farmer of Polk Township (see his sketch in this volume); Landen O., born May 31st, 1875, now a farmer of Cedar County; Fannie, born October 23rd, 1879, now Mrs. Mose Anderson of Polk County. Uncle Van has twenty-nine grandchildren. The mother of these children died in 1900, and Mr. Holman married as his second wife Mary Jane Stockton, who was born September 11th, 1861, and a daughter of Andrew Jackson Stockton, who was a pioneer of Dade County. Uncle Van served in the state militia for nine months under Captain Morris. He is a Democrat in politics, but never desired to hold office, always preferring to devote his time to his large business interests and his fine family. He is a member of the Christian church. Uncle Van has ranked among our largest land-owners, having held at one time over 2,400 acres. He gave his children good starts in life with fine farms, and so has disposed of all his land except 480 acres, which he rents out, and is taking a well-deserved rest. Mr. Holman has always been liberal with his means and time to further any cause that would help the county. He is in favor of good roads and free public schools. He was one of the organizers of the Citizen's Bank of Walnut Grove, Greene County, and served on its board of directors for many years. He still holds his stock in this bank, but has given up the work on the board to younger men. Truly, this fine old gentleman is worthy of the high esteem in which he is held. In his declining years he is happy and cheerful, delights to talk of the affairs of the country, and it is a pleasure to visit this kindly gentleman. May he live long. He has been a blessing to our country through all these years, and we appreciate him to the full.

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OLIVER H. HOLMAN.

The subject of this sketch was 23 years of age when he commenced business for himself. During his boyhood

days he had attended the common schools of the county, and later attended the Dadeville Academy. He worked at home with his father until he married, then bought a farm of 200 acres in Polk Township on Sac river. He remained on this farm five years, when he sold out and purchased another farm of 240 acres, all in one body, in the same township. At the time of his purchase this place was fairly well improved, but Mr. Holman has cleared out some 60 acres, and done lots of fencing and cross-fencing, much of it hog-tight, built new barns, remodeled the dwelling house, built a 127-ton silo in 1914, and has added 40 acres to his original purchase, so that now his farm consists of 280 acres. He is a breeder of registered Shorthorn cattle, having a herd of 20 cows and one registered male "Master," also twenty yearlings. He also raises hogs quite extensively, being partial to the Poland-Chinas. Mr. Holman also handles quite a nice flock of sheep, and finds them to be profitable.

On the 22nd day of December, 1895, Oliver H. Holman was married to Laura Graham, born March 1st, 1874, daughter of Thomas B. and Ann Eliza (Harris) Graham, her father being born March 1st, 1832, and her mother February 27th, 1843, and were married October 6th, 1870. Her father was born in Ray County, Missouri, but came to Cedar County with his father when 9 months old. He still owns the old home place settled by his father in 1832. Mrs. Holman was the second of a family of three children. One brother, James H. Graham, is a business man and postmaster at Centralia, Okla. He married Joie Hartley of Cedar County, and now owns about 200 acres of valuable land in Oklahoma. Her sister, Sallie Graham, died single at the age of 35 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Holman have a family of five children, all at home:

- (1) Thomas V., born November 6th, 1896.
- (2) Dwight, born October 16th, 1898.
- (3) Olive Berniece, born May 10th, 1901.
- (4) Rollo Oliver, born January 14th, 1904.
- (5) Laura Eunice, born February 26th, 1910.

Mrs. Holamn is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Holman is a Democrat, a wide-awake, progressive, public-spirited man, and a booster for good roads. Has been a member of the school board for three years.

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W. C. HOWELL.

Was born in Dade County, Missouri, August 4th, 1880, a son of W. E. and Maggie(Jordan) Howell, both of whom are living. W. E. Howell was a native of Ohio and Maggie Jordan was a native of Tennessee. Both came to Dade County at about the close of the Civil war and were married here. He is a farmer of Washington Township. They raised a family of three children:

(1) W. C. Howell is the oldest.

(2) John D. married Hettie M. Staggs of Clay County, Missouri. They have two living children, Lena and Lucile.

(3) Bertha, now Mrs. Ernest Russell. They reside in Greene County, Missouri, and have one living child, Myrtle. Mr. Russell is a farmer.

W. C. Howell received his education in the common schools of Dade County, and remained at home until 1898, working out for six years, and in 1904 bought his first tract of 80 acres of land in Washington Township. He still owns this land. It was fairly well improved at the time he bought it. He was living as a tenant on the G. S. Mitchell farm at the time of his marriage to Jeanette Mitchell April 3rd, 1904. She was born in Dade County May 27th, 1877, daughter of Gorham S. and Louisa (Babb) Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell was a native of Maine, as also was his wife. They were married in Maine in 1863 and came to Cook County, Illinois, and bought 80 acres of land, which now joins the city of Chicago. He kept this land for two or three years and then sold out and came to Dade County. This land has since become immensely valuable. On his arrival he purchased 200 acres of land where his daughter resides. He carried on general farming and stock raising and erected a substantial residence

and log out-buildings. He died on this farm March 3rd, 1907 and is buried at Pennsboro. His widow is still living on the old homestead at the age of 74 years. Mr. Mitchell was a Republican in politics, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and the father of three children:

(1) Fannie, now Mrs. S. W. Cox.

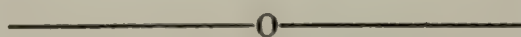
(2) Flora L., unmarried, lives on the old homestead with her mother.

(3) Jeanette, now Mrs. W. C. Howell. W. C. Howell and wife are the parents of two children:

(1) Edrie, born January 9th, 1906.

(2) Chalmers, born December 8th, 1913.

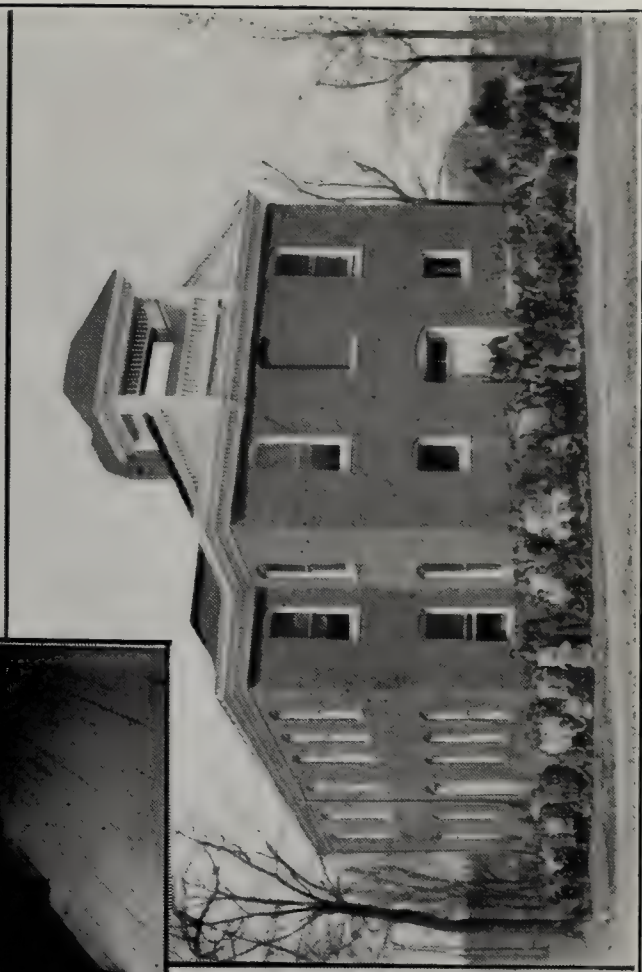
Mr. Howell is engaged in general farming and has bought out the Mitchell heirs until he now owns 160 acres of the original Mitchell homestead and an adjoining 80 acres making 320 acres in Dade county. He has built a fine barn, cleared out over half the place, built a silo of 110 tons capacity. His place is well fenced, all hog-tight, cross-fenced, well watered with springs, well and wind-mill. In addition to general farming, Mr. Howell handles a large amount of stock, being a breeder of white-face cattle of which two males and six females are registered. He has a herd of 15 grade cows and feeds and keeps all told about 50 head. He also raises a number of mules for market each year, keeping a fine jack and raises about 14 colts and tries to market two or three span of fine mules each year. Mr. Howell also finds sheep raising profitable and has a small flock on the farm. His machinery is modern and up-to-date. In fact Mr. Howell is a first class farmer and stock man in every respect. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Baptist church and belongs to the W. O. W. No better man can be found in Washington Township than Mr. Howell, and he and his family enjoy the confidence and respect of the community.



TAYLOR H. HUNT.

For forty-seven years Taylor H. Hunt has been a citizen of Dade county and during all this time he has been

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considered one of our foremost progressive men. Tennessee has given us many of her very best sons and Mr. Hunt is no exception to the rule. He was born in East Tennessee, February 6, 1847, a son of Washington and Polly Caroline (Wilson) Hunt. Mr. Hunt's paternal grand parents were Wm. and Margaret (Finley) Hunt and were natives of the state of Georgia where they were married and came to Tennessee at an early day where he bought a large portion of the Tellico Plains. In Georgia he was the owner of a large gold mining property which he sold for a vast sum of money which was considered a fortune in those early days. Here on this tract of fine land in Tennessee Wm. Hunt and his wife passed away leaving to their eight boys and two girls this large acreage which made each of them a fine home and here Washington Hunt, father of Taylor Hunt, was married and made his home until his death. Taylor Hunt received 100 acres from his father and upon this land he lived for eight years having been married in the mean time to Sarah Lucinda Farmer, on February 6th, 1867. To this union were born three children as follows: Jesse E., born November 27, 1870 and married Eva Kirby and they reside in Texas; Lou T., born May 28, 1872, married Mary Hunt and he is deceased; Laguarda L., born October 6th, 1874, married Hattie Lake and they live in Fair Play, Polk county, Missouri where he is a prominent physician. Mr. Hunt married again on February 21, 1886, Miss Alice Wilson, a native of Greene County, Mo., where she was born April 6th, 1860. Her father was a pioneer settler of Greene county. To this second union six children were born and in order of birth they are as follows: Norma D., born June 14th, 1888, has received a fine education, having finished high school at Dadeville and spent some time at the Springfield Normal. She was awarded a life certificate in 1913 and started teaching, first she taught one year at Bona then two years at Pennsboro, two at Everton and two at Richland high while at the present she is teaching in the high school at Bishop, Texas; Ira A., born September 21, 1889, received fine education having spent three years at Drury

college and three years in Washington University at St. Louis where he graduated and was admitted to the bar and is now a prominent attorney of Bishop and Kingsville, Texas; Wm. A., born September 27, 1891, well educated and is farming in Cedar county. He married Bernice Thomason and have a daughter, Irene; Lillie P., born June 12, 1893, received her education in Dadeville high and Springfield Normal and was given a life certificate in 1913 and is now teaching in the high school at Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri; Finley C., born July 19th, 1895, graduate of Everton High School, is at home running the home place; Lena G., born July 16th, 1897, also finished her education at Everton and Springfield Normal and is now teaching in the public schools near Mount Vernon, Mo. Well may Taylor H. Hunt and his estimable wife be proud of their fine family for they are a credit to our county and we are proud to own them as native sons and daughters. Taylor H. Hunt came to us in 1880 and for six years rented land and farmed, then bought himself a fine farm of 110 acres although unimproved he soon made it so for he built a small house in 1890 and shortly after enlarged it and has continued to improve his home until he now has one of the really attractive residences in the county. Mr. Hunt has been a successful farmer and has added to his land until at the present writing, he has 140 acres of as fine land as there is in the county and all of it in cultivation but about ten acres. He has all modern machinery and conveniences including acetylene gas for lighting. Mr. Hunt has made a practice of keeping good stock and has made a specialty of mules now owning one very fine jack named "Sampson." Mr. Hunt is a democrat in politics and he and his wife belong to the Baptist church of which he is a deacon and also director of building. We always find Mr. Hunt's influence on the side of right and progress, he is a firm believer in good roads, free public schools, and temperance. A fine broad minded gentleman is Mr. Hunt, ever ready with his time and means to further any cause for the

good of the county, he is a credit to our county and state, may he live long among us.

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R. S. JACOBS BANKING COMPANY.

The Articles of Association of the R. S. Jacobs Banking Company are dated May 9th, 1892, and the Certificate of Incorporation from the Secretary of State is dated May 12th, 1892, and was filed for record in Dade county, May 14th, 1892. The five directors named in the Articles of Association for the first year were: R. S. Jacobs, John H. Howard, Thomas J. Van Osdell, J. L. Wetzel and Lewis Renfro.

It was expected to commence business on June 1st, 1892, but Thomas J. Van Osdell, who was a director and had been agreed upon for the position of Cashier was seriously sick on that day, and died on June 3rd, 1892.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 10th, 1892, and at that time Mason Talbutt was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas J. Van Osdell.

The second meeting of the Board of Directors was held June 13th, 1892, and at that meeting J. L. Wetzel was elected cashier—which position he has held to this date—and at this meeting the Board of Directors bought of R. S. Jacobs & Co. (a firm composed of R. S. Jacobs and Thom. J. VanOsdell, who had been engaged in the Private Banking business for several years) the bank building, safe and other fixtures for the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

R. S. Jacobs was a director and president of the bank from the time of organization to the date of his death, January 31st, 1899, and Capt. John H. Howard was then elected president (having been vice president from the beginning) and served until June 16th, 1906, when he resigned. Capt. John H. Howard died September 23rd, 1906.

Mason Talbutt was elected a director June 10th, 1892, and has been on the board since that date; was vice president while Capt. Howard was President, and has been president since June 16th, 1906.

The dividends paid on each share of stock amount to \$237 and were paid semi-annually, and in the meantime the stock has more than doubled in value.

The present Board of Directors are: Robert S. Long, David Higgings, J. C. Shouse, Ben M. Neale, R. H. Merrill, J. L. Wetzel and Mason Talbutt. The present officers are Mason Talbutt, president; Robert S. Long, vice president; J. L. Wetzel, cashier; R. H. Merrill, asst. cashier and Leon Hall, clerk.

The last official statement of this bank, under a call from the state bank commissioner, is dated March 5th, 1917, and is as follows:

No. 828.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Of the financial condition of the R. S. Jacobs Banking Co., at Greenfield, state of Missouri, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917, published in The Vedette, a newspaper printed and published at Greenfield, state of Missouri, on the 15th day of March, 1917.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral	\$152,840.47
Loans, real estate.....	25,322.93
Overdrafts	4,689.07
Bonds and stocks.....	3,154.06
Real estate (banking house).....	8,500.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,000.00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	17,038.30
Cash items	827.76
Currency	2,748 00
Specie	6,030.85
Total	\$223,151.44

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00

Undivided profits, net.....	3,621.45
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check.....	1,468.49
Individual deposit subject to check.....	109,181.19
Time certificates of deposit.....	58,880.31
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Total	\$223,151.44

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B. FRANK JOHNSON.

Born in Cedar County, Missouri, March 31st, 1872, son of John Fletcher and Ellen Amanda (Ridall) Johnson, both now deceased. John Fletcher was a native son of Luzerne county, Penn., born March 10th, 1834 and his father was born in England, coming to this country many years ago. John F. Johnson came to Cedar County, Mo., in 1866 and bought 460 acres of land near Cane Hill. He returned to Pennsylvania and married Miss Ellen Amanda Ridall, February 1st, 1869. She was of English ancestry. This newly married couple came to the Cedar County farm when Sedalia was the nearest railroad point. When this farm was first purchased the dwelling house consisted of a log cabin, but Mr. Johnson erected a more pretentious domicile before going to Pennsylvania for his bride. The farm was mostly timber land which Mr. Johnson cleared out and improved.

Seeing the possibilities of a good flouring mill with everlasting water power, Mr. Johnson erected and completed a splendid mill at Seybert and started its operation January 1st, 1872, and continued to operate it with success until 1887.

His mother, who was formerly Miss Mary Ann Seybert was brought to the farm in Cedar county and resided with her son until 1890. About the year 1887 Mr. Johnson sold the Seybert mill to C. W. Montgomery and moved to Greenfield to live. He was one of the organizers of the Dade County Bank and was its first vice president. He was elected its president in 1890 and held that position until his death. He died in Greenfield April 6th, 1893 and his wife survived him a few years, departing this life in

Greenfield March 30th, 1916. At one time Mr. Johnson owned more than 2,000 acres of land in Dade and Cedar counties. He was a man of large affairs and owned a large estate in Pennsylvania at the time of his death.

John F. Johnson was raised in Pennsylvania, quit school at the age of 17 years and entered the mercantile business at Beach Haven and continued therein until 1865. He was a man of wide information and practically self educated.

His first vote in Missouri was cast at Madison township in Cedar county and it was one of but two democratic votes cast. In the erection of the Seybert mill the pine lumber was hauled by ox-teams from Fort Scott. Nearly all the machinery was hauled from Boonville. The original wheel that operated the corn burr was made by Marion Swingle. Just a few days before the final touches were put on the mill a flood came and washed out most of the dam. It had to be re-built. Mr. Johnson remodeled the mill in 1881, put in what is known as a combination mill, and afterward took this out and put in a full modern roller plant. This last transformation required about three years.

In after years Mr. Johnson erected many buildings in Greenfield and remodeled others, among the most important being the old Delmonico Hotel building.

John F. Johnson was a member of the Baptist church while his wife was a Presbyterian. He was a democrat in politics, served as Presiding Judge of the county court one term.

Mr. Johnson and wife were the parents of seven children:

- (1) Lottie E., died in 1874 at the age of 4 years.
- (2) B. Frank Johnson.
- (3) Walter P.
- (4) May, married Floyd Van Osdell.
- (5) Carrie, married Phil S. Griffith.
- (6) Capitola, married Lynville D. Higgins.
- (7) Ira.

B. Frank Johnson was educated in the common schools of Dade county and Ozark college at Greenfield. From 1893 to 1897 he was engaged in the milling business at the old Hoyle water mill, two miles east of Greenfield. In 1897 he moved to a farm in Cedar County consisting of 320 acres North of Cane Hill. In 1900 he built a fine modern residence and is extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising.

On the 11th day of May, 1893 he was married to Martha Young, a native of Dade county who was born September 18th, 1870, daughter of Marshall Young, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of four children:

(1) Phyllis, born March 23rd, 1896, in Dade county. She was married to Lawrence Rountree in September, 1915, a farmer of Cedar county. They have one child, John Franklin, born September 17th, 1916.

(2) John Fletcher, born December 7th, 1903.

(3) Byron, born September 7th, 1909.

(4) Dorothy, born August 9th, 1914.

B. Frank Johnson is a democrat in politics, is a progressive citizen and a good roads booster, drives an Overland car and is the owner of the old Marshall Young homestead of 140 acres in Sac Township.

IRA H. JOHNSON.

Son of J. F. Johnson, (deceased) a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Dade County in an early day and engaged in the milling business at Seybert. He was an extensive farmer, stock raiser and feeder and spent the latter part of his life in the city of Greenfield, being President of the Dade County Bank and presiding Judge of the County Court. He was a man of large means and left a valuable estate both in Dade County and in his native state Pennsylvania.

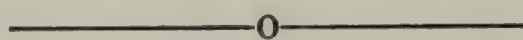
Ira H. Johnson was born in Dade County October 17th, 1885, was married November 1st, 1908 to Dena Montgomery, born July 13th, 1885, a daughter of Benjamin Montgomery

who resides near Cane Hill in Cedar County, To this union were born three children:

- (1) Edna, born September 7th, 1909, is now attending school.
- (2) Beatrice, born August 19, 1912.
- (3) Ira Harold, born June 28, 1914.

Mr. Johnson is a farmer and owns a farm of 360 acres in Ernest Township, all finely improved, where he resides, and a farm of 260 acres in Center Township west of Greenfield. He devotes his entire time to his farming and stock feeding enterprises although he is a large stockholder in the Dade County Bank at Greenfield. He has erected a splendid 8-room dwelling house on his farm and surrounded the same with good out-buildings and many other improvements. It is decidedly the best improved farm in the Township. The farm water supply is obtained from a never failing well 300 feet deep. Mr. Johnson handles from 4 to 6 car loads of cattle and hogs each year.

Politically Mr. Johnson has always voted the Democrat ticket. He supports and attends the Christian church, drives a Ford car and is a booster for good roads. His farm reflects the energy and industry of its proprietor, and his home is one of happiness, contentment and prosperity.



JOHN HARRISON.

Deceased.

Among the noted pioneers of Greenfield few were better known and none more highly esteemed and respected than the subject of this sketch. John Harrison was born in Boone County, Missouri, May 22nd, 1825, and died at the home of his son, Edwin Harrison, in Greenfield, Mo., in November, 1916. He was the son of George and Malinda (Lynes) Harrison, and the grandson of John and Elizabeth (Harris) Harrison. George Harrison was born in Alexander, Va., September 3rd, 1800, and was left an orphan when but a small boy. After the death of his parents he was taken by his uncle, a Mr. Dennis, who

removed to Woodford County, Kentucky, and here George learned the saddler's trade. When a young man he went to Old Franklin, Howard County, Missouri, and shortly afterward to Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, where he was married March 24th, 1824, to Miss Malinda Lynes. Mr. Harrison died in Hempstead County, Arkansas, September 22nd, 1859. His wife was born in Madison County, Kentucky, August 12th, 1803, and when 5 years of age her parents, Joseph and Mary Lynes, moved to St. Louis, and from thence to Boone County, Missouri, being among the early pioneers to that part of the state. For a number of years since 1851 Mrs. Harrison made her home with her daughter, Elmira Meng, at Dover, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were the parents of four children. John Harrison grew to maturity in Boone County and obtained a fair education in the common schools of that county. Shortly after leaving home he commenced working at the harness-maker's trade, but a few years later took up merchandising at Walnut Grove, Greene County, Missouri. On the 18th day of May, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary E. Foushee, daughter of William and Narcissa (Hunt) Foushee of St. Charles County, Missouri, and a native of Clayborne County, Tennessee, born in 1883. William Foushee was a native Virginian. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were born nine children:

(1) Roger H., now deceased, for a number of years a prominent physician at Gainesville, Tex.

(2) Charles, a harness-maker in Greenfield, unmarried.

(3) Mark E., a dentist by profession, formerly of Nevada, Mo.

(4) Edwin, cashier of the Dade County Bank, married, and lives in Greenfield. Has one son, Roger, who is now a captain in the United States Army.

(5) Ralph, now a major in the United States Army.

(6) William, for a number of years engaged in manufacturing in New Mexico.

(7) Ruth, now deceased.

(8) Elmira.

(9) Hugh, business manager of the firm of Harrison Bros., furniture and undertaking, in Greenfield, Mo.

After his marriage John Harrison located in Bolivar, Mo., where he established a saddlery and harness shop, and where he remained until after the war. In 1866 he became a citizen of Greenfield and established a harness shop, in which business he remained until the time of his death. In May, 1885, he was appointed postmaster of Greenfield. He held this office four years, to the entire satisfaction of the community. In politics Mr. Harrison was always a Democrat, casting his first vote in 1848 for General Taylor. Mr. Harrison was an active man in local affairs, serving a number of years on the school board and in the city council. He was a member of the Christian church. Mr. Harrison was one of those quiet, unassuming sort of men, frugal and industrious in his own business and carefully avoiding any entanglements in the affairs of other men. He died at a ripe old age, honored and esteemed by all who knew him.

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JOHN M. JONES.

Among the largest and most successful farmers of Eastern Dade County we must mention John M. Jones of Rock Prairie Township. He was born April 30th, 1864, in Lawrence County, Arkansas, a son of John M and Mary E. (Rector) Jones.

John M. Jones Sr. was born in middle Tennessee, near Nashville, January 3rd, 1836, and died August 30th, 1863. His wife, Mary Rector, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, May 12th, 1841. She is now living in Rock Prairie Township, widow of William C. Jones, whom she married after her first husband's death. John M. Jones Sr. and William C. Jones were brothers. Mrs. Mary E. Jones has every reason to remember vividly the Civil war time in Dade County. Her first husband, John M. Jones, met a tragic death at the hands of an assassin. He enlisted in the Missouri State Militia at Dadeville and had returned to his home for a few days to arrange his business

matters, when he was killed from ambush the day before he was to take up his duties in the Militia. He left one son, William M. Jones, while John M. Jones, the subject of this sketch, was born a few months after his father's murder. As stated before, Mrs. Jones married for her second husband William C. Jones, a brother of John M., and by him she had two children, Julia A., now Mrs. Henry Bullington of Rock Prairie Township, and George A. Jones, who lives in Arizona. Both the paternal and maternal gandparents of John M. Jones Jr. were pioneers of Dade County. Samuel Jones and Rodha Butler, his wife, grandparents of John M. Jones Jr., were married in Tennessee and came to Dade County overland in wagons in 1851. He entered some three or four hundred acres of land and carried on a large business in horses. He was considered a very wealthy man in his day. He owned many slaves. He would accumulate large droves of horses and drive them into different parts of the south for sale. At the time the Civil war broke out he and his son, John Sr., father of the subject of this sketch, were in the mercantile business in Dade County. They opened one store at Cross Roads and had another at Dilday's Mill. War conditions here made it so dangerous for his property and business that he went to Texas, taking his slaves and considerable money. He was accidentally killed, being kicked by a mule. His wife died in about 1878.

Martin and Nancy Rector, grandparents of John M. Jones Jr., came to Dade County in the fall of 1846, and both died here. John M. Jones Jr. received a good education in the public schools of Dade County and Ozark College at Greenfield. He taught school in Dade County for some six years, and was with Scott Bros. of Kansas City, Mo., railroad contractors, for whom he kept books for four years, after which he returned to Dade County and married Mary I. Patterson, who was born in Dade County November 28th, 1869, and was a daughter of J. D. Patterson and Margaret Traller. (A complete sketch of whom will be found elsewhere.) For three years after his marriage Mr. Jones farmed on 160 acres of rented land

in Rock Prairie Township, moved to Everton, and there entered the mercantile business, where he kept a general store for 12 years, subsequently selling out to Parker & Dye, who had been his partners, and moved to his present location, which is considered one of the finest farms in this part of Missouri. He bought 160 acres of Mr. Patterson, his father-in-law, who also gave his daughter, Mrs. Jones, an adjoining 160 acres. This was well improved land, and here Mr. and Mrs. Jones have carried on general farming and stock raising and have been very successful in their operations. In 1917 he added 108 acres joining, making 428 acres in a body.

In 1905 Mr. Jones built a fine 12-room brick residence, which is one of the very few brick dwellings in this county. It is modern in every respect, hot and cold water, bath and lights. Mr. Jones has numerous fine large out-buildings, including a cement silo with a 130-ton capacity, and one stave silo of 130-ton capacity. This silo was one of the first built in this section of the county; in fact, it can be said that Mr. Jones was probably the first in the county to become interested in the silo as a farm institution. He is a high-grade stock man, raises and breeds pure Angus cattle, and his herd of 50 head is one of the best that can be found in South Missouri. He handles a large number of Poland-China hogs and also raises and breeds sheep to quite an extent. He is a breeder and finisher of fine horses. He ranks first in the county, making a specialty of saddlers and trotting horses.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born four children: Floy B., born February 26th, 1892, married Ross Haley, a farmer of Rock Prairie Township, and they have one child, Adrain Gather Haley; J. Fay was born June 7th, 1894, is at home, is a graduate of Everton High School, and now assistant cashier of the Citizen's Bank of Everton.; Ruth Beryl, born August 30th, 1896, is attending school and lives at home, and Ula Forrest, born June 13th, 1899, is also at home.

Mr. Jones is an active Democrat and has served as township treasurer. He does not, however, aspire to office, much preferring to spend his time and energy in the con-

duct of his large business interests. Mr. Jones is one of our foremost, progressive farmers, broad-minded and ever ready to take his part in any enterprise for the betterment of the county and its people, is an active booster for good roads and believes in free public schools. His judgment is sought upon all subjects of public interest. While a fine-class horseman, he also sees the advantage of the automobile, as he owns and drives a fine Buick Six. John M. Jones is known almost to every man, woman and child in this county, and his fine farm home is one of the show places of Eastern Dade County. His fine residence can be seen for miles around. John M. Jones stands in the front rank of Dade County in citizenship. His word is as good as his bond. Dade County needs more men of his caliber.

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JAMES R. JEFFREYS.

One of the most highly respected and beloved citizens of Dade County is James R. Jeffreys of Washington Township. He was born in Middle Tennessee April 7th, 1844, the son of Dr. M. N. Jeffreys and Hannah L. Hill, his wife, both natives of North Carolina, where they were married and where Mr. Jeffreys was a practicing physician for many years, but subsequently moved to Turnerville, Ky., where he carried on his profession until his death, which occurred in his 84th year, and his wife returned to the old home in Middle Tennessee, where she passed away some years later. James Jeffreys, of this review, remained at home and attended school up to the time of the Civil war. He was attending school at Middleton, Tenn., at the time, and he, with sixteen other students, walked out from school in a body and formed what later became Company G, Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry. They elected Adolphus Cates captain, and the company was recruited in the neighborhood and was destined to see hard service. Mr. Jeffreys was in the thick of the fight and was wounded in the hip at the battle of Harrisburg, which laid him up for some three months and later was wounded in the hand and arm. He was taken prisoner of

war near Clifton, on the Tennessee river, was paroled after two months, and returned to his company. Besides others, he saw service in the battles of Fort Donaldson, Shilo, Farmington, Tupelo, Franklin, Tenn.; Perryville, Ky.; Okalona, Miss.; Fort Pillar, Tenn.; Paduka, Ky.; Pontatak, Miss.; Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., and Dalton, Ga. When the war closed Mr. Jeffreys found himself in Alabama, and he made his way home overland to Tennessee, but when he arrived he found that everything had been destroyed, but he took up the task of making a living and home for himself by farming, at which he could not get started in a satisfactory manner, so after three years of hard work he decided to emigrate to Missouri, which he did, in company with his brother, Al S. Jeffreys. They landed in Greenfield March 29th, 1869, and for some time Mr. Jeffreys worked out at different places until he got a start, and in 1871 purchased a team and rented 16 acres of land on Turnback Creek, and on which he raised a crop. This was the beginning, and he continued to rent land for two years, when he married one of Dade County's fairest daughters, Miss Nancy McMillan, and moved to 40 acres which was part of the old McMillan homestead. Here they lived and prospered, and Mr. Jeffreys soon bought out one of the other McMillan heirs, and thereby added another 40-acre tract, this giving them 80 acres of good land, and things began to move faster, so that in a short time he was able to buy two adjoining 40's, making them 160 acres in a body, and which is now one of the fine farms in the county. His son, James C. Jeffreys, now lives on and operates the home place, which is situated just east of South Greenfield. Mrs. Jeffreys died May 10th,——, after a long and useful life, and she was beloved by all who knew her. She was the mother of two boys, who are now numbered among our best citizens. The oldest, James C., married Minnie Tye, a native of Dade County, and they have four children, as follows: James R., Kathryn, Ester H. and Bedford Forrest. The second son, Robert N., is a prominent farmer of Washington County, and they have one son, Albert Edgar.

James R. Jeffreys is a Democrat in politics and has served as justice of the peace at South Greenfield for twelve years, and has also served on the school board and as road commissioner for many years. Fraternally he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. Chapter, Council and Commandry at Greenfield, and a prominent member and officer of the U. C. V. Camp. Truly, Mr. Jeffreys is one of our best known and greatly appreciated citizens. He has done his share in the building up of the county, and also of South Greenfield, where he owns the brick structure where the drug store is located, as well as other business buildings and a good town residence. Mr. Jeffreys has lived a clean and upright life, and his memory will always remain green through the numberless years after he shall have gone to his final rest. We of the younger generation may well emulate the example of Uncle Jim Jeffreys, and it is to such as he that Dade County does honor in these volumes of history.

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ULYSSES S. KERAN.

Of Scotch-Irish ancestry and retaining many of the commendable characteristics of his early parentage, Ulysses S. Keran was born November 28th, 1867, in Fort Scott, Kas., his father, Asariah A. Keran, a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, of Scotch-Irish parentage dying in Dade County in 1896 in his 73rd year. His father, John Keran, came from Scotland and settled in Hamilton County, Ohio, in a very early day. He was a minister of the Protestant Methodist church. John's wife was Mary (Clements) Keran, of English ancestry. They spent their remaining days in Edgar County, Illinois.

A. A. Keran was one of a family of eight children, two boys and six girls, only two of whom are now living. He was a veteran of the Civil war, and was assigned to a Kansas regiment, of which he was surgeon. His brother, William, was also a veteran of the Civil war, serving in an Illinois regiment. A. A. Keran was raised on an Illinois farm, going there with his parents when a small boy. He

attended the country and public schools of Paris, Ill. He then engaged in teaching for some time. In the meantime, he read medicine at Paris, and was one of the first graduates of the Rush Medical College of Chicago. After graduation he practiced medicine at Paris, Ill., and later went as physician and surgeon to a colony in Minnesota. He came to Centerville, Apponoose County, Iowa, and after practicing there for some time emigrated to Fort Scott, Kas., after which he practiced his profession at Mt. Vernon, in Lawrence County, and finally ended his days at the home of his son, Ulysses, in Lockwood.

In early life he joined the Methodist church, in which organization he was a local preacher, a man of strong will power, deep convictions and vigorous speech. His Republicanism was as uncompromising as his religion.

A. A. Keran was married to Catharine Dick, who was born in Oldham County, Kentucky, and died in 1894, at the age of 73 years. She was of German descent, her parents, Richard and Lucy Dick, moving to Edgar County, Illinois, in the early days and were farmers. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church. She had two brothers, Solomon Dick and Nicholas Dick, who were veterans of the Civil war. There were six children in the Keran family, three boys and three girls, viz:

(1) Jennie J., married John Kingsburg, a veteran of the Civil war, who died of wounds received in service. She is now living at Mystic, Ia.

(2) John T., living at Elizabeth, Colo, a retired farmer. A veteran of the Civil war, serving in a Kansas regiment.

(3) Ann, married Joseph P. Jones. She is now deceased.

(4) Prince Albert, living at Lockwood, and engaged in the real estate business.

(5) Martha E., married Elmer E. Gray, a farmer. They reside at Capron, Okla.

(6) Ulysses S.

Either from choice or by dint of dire necessity, Ulysses S. Keran remained upon the farm till 25 years of age.

As a boy he attended the common schools, receiving a fair education. In 1891 he came to Lockwood and engaged in the real estate business. In 1896 he was elected mayor of the city and served two years. This was his entry into the political field. In 1898 he was elected sheriff of Dade County and was re-elected again in 1900. He has the distinction of being one of the best, if not the very best, sheriff Dade County ever had.

At the close of his second term as sheriff he returned to Lockwood and was one of the organizers of the Farmers' State Bank of that place. During the next two years he served as vice president, and after that was elected cashier, which position he still holds.

He was married on the 14th day of March, 1889, to Jessie B. Harwell, born at Sparta, Ill., May 26th, 1868, daughter of Joseph C. and Gene (Walker) Harwell. They resided on a farm. One child was born to this union, Otho H., born in Lockwood, Mo., October 4th, 1894. He graduated from Lockwood High School and had a two-year course at the state university at Columbia. He is now second assistant cashier in the Farmers' State Bank at Lockwood. He was married on the 29th day of June, 1916, to Miss Irma Caldwell, and lives in a handsome bungalow adjoining the parental roof.

Mrs. Keran is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Keran holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and the M. W. A. He is a Republican in politics and a booster for everything that pertains to the general welfare of his community.

Mr. Keran has attained his greatest financial success by wise and judicious investments in real estate. Being a good seller as well as a good buyer, he has prospered in that line to a remarkable degree. His home is one of the best in Lockwood, both in point of structural value and furnishings. He is a man who enjoys the brighter side of life and wears the smile which will not rub off. Affable, congenial and courteous, Mr. Keran is a man with whom it is a pleasure to meet and be associated with.

JOHN A. KING.

Born in Dade County, Missouri, February 6th, 1850, son of William N. and Sarah M. (McConnell) King, a full biographical sketch being given of each of them in the biography and history of R. C. King in this volume.

John A. King received his meager schooling in Dade County, and is practically self-educated, and remained at home, working with his father, until he was 28 years of age. On the 14th day of February, 1878, he was married to Nancy Ann Lyon, who was born January 10th, 1858, in Cedar County, Missouri, daughter of William James and Sarah A. (Cowan) Lyon, both natives of Tennessee. They were married in Tennessee and came to Missouri in the late 50's. The mother died in early life and her father re-married, and died in Cedar County in May, 1899. He was a farmer, a Democrat in politics, and served one term as public administrator of Cedar County. He farmed extensively and was a big dealer in live stock. By his first wife (mother of Mrs. King) he had two children, Mrs. King and Mary, who married Pleasant R. Holbert of Cedar County, both now deceased, leaving seven children. Mrs. Lyon, mother of Mrs. King, was married in early life, previous to her marriage to Mr. Lyon, to a Mr. Lightner of Tennessee. One child was born of this marriage, a son, who became a noted doctor, and practiced many years in Dade County. His name was Dr. William Cowan Lightner, and he married a sister of John A. King. Losing his health in Missouri, he emigrated to Texas, where he died. His widow, Mrs. M. J. Lightner, now resides at 208 West Street, Tulsa, Okla.

John A. King, about the time of his marriage, had received from his father 58½ acres of splendid land in North Morgan Township. He had cleared out and built a house 16 by 32 feet, two rooms, and here he took his bride. He was an industrious and energetic man, and prospered. He added to his original tract until he had a fine farm of 315 acres, all in one body. He had built a splendid six-room, two-story frame dwelling upon it. In 1910 he retired from the farm and purchased a three and

one-half-acre tract adjoining Greenfield on the east, with a large residence and a view overlooking the city.

He has made many improvements since purchasing, in the way of porches, sidewalks, etc. The residence is supplied with city water, electric lights, and is modern in every respect. Since purchasing the above, Mr. King has added to it, until now his home place consists of 18½ acres.

Mr. and Mrs. King are members of the Presbyterian church, the wife being especially active in church work. Mr. King is a Democrat, but has never held a public office, being a man of simple tastes and devoted to his home life.

In the fall of 1914 he sold his farm in North Morgan Township to Benton Wilson of Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. King are the parents of 10 children:

(1) Ollie M., born January 3rd, 1879, married Lon McPeak.

(2) Reuel, born February 13th, 1881.

(3) Roy, born August 3rd, 1883.

(4) Nell, born March 7th, 1886, married Rollo Lindley.

(5) Julian, born December 19th, 1888, married Sam Duffy, and lives on a farm one and one-half miles southwest of Greenfield.

(6) Gladys, born December 25th, 1891.

(7) Finis.

(8) Floy (twin of Finis), born May 7th, 1895.

(9) Opal, born October 14th, 1898.

(10) Weldon, born June 10th, 1901.

By energy, industry and close application to business, Mr. and Mrs. King have been able to retire from the strenuous activities of life, and are now living retired in an elegant home upon an income which is the fruits of hard-earned toil.

ROY KING.

Was born in Dade County, Missouri, in North Morgan Township, August 2nd, 1883, son of John and Nancy

(Lyon) King, members of one of the pioneer families of Dade County, whose biographical sketch appears at length in this history.

Roy was educated in the schools of Dade County, and finished in the High School at Dadeville. He remained at home on the farm until 1907, when he was married March 30th to Lake Hailey, who was born February 15th, 1887. At this time he bought a 160-acre farm in South Morgan Township, in connection with his brother, Ruel, which they worked together till 1909, when he purchased the old Benjamin Pyle farm of 287 acres in North Morgan Township, west of Bona. This was an improved farm, with a large frame residence erected in 1894 by J. C. Shouse.

Since purchasing this farm he has been engaged largely in the live stock business, feeding most all of the grain raised on the place. He keeps a registered White-face bull and feeds a carload of cattle or more each year. He also raises from two to three span of horses and mules for market each year. In hogs, he prefers the Duroc-Jersey, and keeps thoroughbred stock of this kind. His farm of 287 acres lies in one body, is well watered with wells and spring branch, and upon which he has made numerous improvements in the way of fencing and cross-fencing with hog wire, and has installed a hydraulic ram to throw water from the spring into the house and barns. His outbuildings are good, and he erected a new barn in 1913 and also a 120-ton silo.

Mrs. King is a daughter of Robert L. and Ann Eliza (Langford) Hailey, who reside in North Morgan Township, near Bona.

Mr. and Mrs. King are each members of the Christian church. In politics Mr. King is a Democrat, is a good-roads man and drives a Ford car. He is an up-to-date, progressive farmer, and one of the rising young men of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. King are the parents of three children:

- (1) Denzel Virginia, born August 16th, 1908.
- (2) Robert Carlos, born September 1st, 1912.
- (3) John Eldon, born April 30th, 1914.

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ROBERT C. KING.

One of the foremost citizens of the northeastern part of Dade County is Robert C. King of North Morgan Township. He was born in Dade County, on the place where he now lives, July 5th, 1854, a son of William N. King and Sarah M. McConnell, his wife, both of whom were natives of Tennessee, and emigrated to Missouri at an early date, coming overland to Dade County as their objective point. They settled on 360 acres of partly improved land directly north of Dadeville. Here they went to farming in earnest, and improved the property with buildings, fencing, etc. They were prosperous and accumulated much lands, raised a fine family of children, and passed away here, loved and respected by all. He died November 2nd, 1890, while his wife passed away some years previous, November 28th, 1877. They were both consistent Christians, being members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was a Democrat all his life, and at one time served as justice of the peace. Of the family born to this fine couple there are five now living. They are:

John A., of Greenfield; Mary J., widow of J. W. Lightner, now living in Oklahoma; Robert C., the subject of this sketch; J. L., of Greenfield, and David T., of North Morgan Township. Of those deceased, Thomas was a soldier in the United States Army during the Civil war, and died from diseases contracted therein. Four children were born and died in infancy.

Robert C., the subject of this sketch, has always lived on the place where he was born. His father lived with him in his declining years. Mr. King has always made a business of farming. He has been very successful, and now owns the greater part of the old homestead, having bought out the other heirs. His fine farm of 220 acres

lies in a solid body and is practically all under cultivation. It is well fenced and cross-fenced, and the improvements are all that could be desired. On May 10th, 1873, Mr. King married Allie E. Hailey, who was born July 4th, 1861, a daughter of Allen and Eva (King) Hailey, who were early settlers of Dade County. To this union have been born five children, four of whom are living: Eva F., born February 17th, 1897, died in the prime of life January 18th, 1913; Clara Bell., born March 18th, 1884, married Flay Davis of North Morgan Township, and they have two children, Geraldine and another; Raymond, H., born January 7th, 1886, married Miss Bertie Long, and lives in South Morgan Township, and they have one child, Wilbur F.; Harry G., born October 3rd, 1887, married Sadie Blackford of Portland, Ore., where they now reside; Myrtle Rosa, born July 12th, 1891, married Fred Hulston, a farmer of Washington Township, and they have one child, John Kenton.

Mr. King now lives practically retired, enjoying a well-deserved rest, after these years of strenuous activities, although he manages his large farm almost entirely. In politics he is a Democrat, but never has sought or desired office, preferring to devote his time to his business interests and to his home. He is one of our best citizens, always ready and willing to devote his time and means to any cause for the good of the county. He and his wife are both consistent Christians, being members of the Christian church.

The name of King in Dade County has always stood for advancement and good citizenship. Mr. King is heartily in favor of our free public school institutions, and is lined up right on the subject of good roads. No better citizen can be found in Dade County, and the story as told by his life shows what can be accomplished by honesty, close application and consideration for others. Mr. King's life exemplifies all of these attributes, and yet he has succeeded in life in every way. Our young people of today may well emulate his example.

ROY C. KING.

One of the most prominent of the young men of the eastern side of the county is Roy C. King, of this review. Mr. King was born March 25th, 1879, in Polk County, close to the Dade County line. His father was Robert R. King, who was born in 1848, the son of Henry King, who was one of the very earliest pioneers of what is now Polk County. Robert R. King served in the Civil war in the Sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and died in Polk County in the year 1893. He married Mrs. Minervia A. (Hayter) Kirby, the widow of Sharp Kirby, a sketch of whom will be found under the name of Dr. B. B. Kirby. Mr. and Mrs. King were the parents of four boys, as follows: Fred, married Maggie Cowan and lives in Polk County; Roy C., of this review; William Virgil, who is a prominent dentist of Kansas City, Mo.; Elwyn, married Miss Lora Hicks, and lives on the home place with his mother, Mrs. Robert King. Mr. King had one son by a former marriage to Miss Bell Bacon, who died leaving her infant son, Jesse B. King, who is now a farmer of Dade and Polk Counties. The King family are very prominent people of Polk County, and have lived so close to the Dade County line that we claim them anyway. Roy C. King remained at home until he was 30 years of age, and had the usual experiences of the farmer boy, working and attending school. He was educated in the schools at Dadeville and the Dadeville Academy. On October 3rd, 1905, he married Miss Dollie Wheeler, who was born June 29th, 1882, a daughter of John and Jane Wheeler, and of whom more extended mention may be found elsewhere. To Mr. and Mrs. Roy King were born three beautiful children, as follows: Thelma, born July 28th, 1906; Muriel, born March 6th, 1911; Cathryn Annett, born May 22nd, 1914. In 1908 Mr. King came to Dade County to become a permanent citizen, moving onto the old Wheeler homestead. This fine place was one of the very first to be settled in the county, and was the first property of Uncle Jim Wheeler, grandfather of Mrs. King. This farm comprises 226 acres of fine land, all improved except 40

acres in timber, and one now may see fine specimens of Whiteface cattle, as Mr. King usually keeps around 100 head, as well as many hogs and other stock. He believes in the silo and has a 150-ton cement silo on his place.

Mr. King is a Republican in politics and has been active, but does not care for office, preferring to devote his time to his large business interests and his fine family. He is one of our hustling young farmers, and is alive to all modern improvements, and can always be found ready and willing to assist in any enterprise that makes for the good of the county or its people. He is a booster for good roads and free public schools.

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REUEL KING.

One of the prominent farmers and business men of the younger generation of Morgan Township is Reuel King. He is a native of the county, born here February 13th, 1881, a son of John A. King and Nancy Lyon, his wife. (A complete sketch of John A. King and family will be found in another section of this volume.)

Reuel King received his education entirely in Dade County. He remained at home until he was 25 years of age. In 1907 he bought 160 acres of fine land one and one-half miles northeast of Dadeville. This was an improved place and known as the Thomas Courtney farm. Mr. King has one of the finest residences of the county, up-to-date in every way, and can be seen from miles around. Indeed, it is one of the show places of the county. The residence is a two-story, seven-room house, with a large cement cellar constructed under the dwelling. Its outbuildings are large and commodious, including a fine garage. He has improved quite extensively himself. It is well fenced with wire and the place is watered by a living branch. Mr. King carries on general farming and stock raising and is quite an extensive feeder. He will feed from two to three cars of hogs yearly, and raises a number of mules for the market each year. He is a lover of fine stock, having one registered stallion named Louis Hatch, No. 57760,

a standard-bred breeding horse, and also a very fine 8-year-old Jack, named Joe. Besides the mules he raises, he also buys and fits for the market.

Mr. King married first Hannah Rowe, a native of Dade County and a daughter of William Caton. She died in 1912, and Mr. King married for his second wife, on December 31, 1914, Miss Florence Mitchell, who was born February 29, 1880, three and one-half miles northeast of Greenfield, a daughter of M. L. Mitchell and wife. (A complete sketch of M. L. Mitchell and family may be found elsewhere.) To Mr. and Mrs. King has been born one daughter, Eleanor, on September 20, 1916.

In politics Mr. King is a Democrat. He can always be found ready and willing to assist in any undertaking that is for the betterment of the county. He is a staunch friend of free schools and a booster for good roads. Reuel King is truly one of our very finest young men. He comes from one of Dade County's foremost families, and we predict that the future holds great things for him and his. Mrs. King died September 14th, 1917.

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FRANK E. KING.

Was born in Benton County, Indiana, July 8th, 1868, son of David L. and Sophia (Veil) King, the former being a native of Kentucky, born October 6th, 1825, and died September 3rd, 1903, while the latter was a native of New Jersey, born June 21st, 1833, and died February 28th, 1910. The Veils moved to Peru, Ind., at an early date, while the Kings located at Logansport. Both families were farmers, and it was here that the young people met and were married. After their marriage they engaged in farming in Indiana, but in 1886 they came to Missouri, bringing with them a family of three boys and two girls. These children were all married excepting Frank:

(1) John, now living at 4133 Bell street, Kansas City, did not locate in Missouri at first, but went to Kansas, and after a short time settled in Kansas City, and is now occupied as superintendent of a car barn for the Metropolitan Street Railway.

(2) Lavina, who was Mrs. James Watson, lived on a farm for some 14 years, when they moved to Aurora, where she died, leaving a family of four girls. Mr. Watson recently died in Montana.

(3) Olive, who was Mrs. A. B. Elmore, died in Greenfield in 1904, leaving one child. Mr. Elmore still resides near Aurora.

(4) Daniel, an engineer on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, lived in Dade County about seven years, then went to Kansas, and later to Kansas City.

(5) Frank E., the subject of this sketch.

David L. King was a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the United Brethren church.

At the age of 16 years Frank E. King not only supported himself, but became the mainstay and support of his father and mother. In the year 1893, by selling almost every vestige of personal property owned by him, he succeeded in making the first payment on an 80-acre farm near Pilgrim. The land was only partly improved, and was a poor farm, but he stuck to it for a year and a half, when he sold out, and for the next few years engaged in buying, improving, selling and trading farms, until the year 1905, when he was elected superintendent of the Dade County Poor Farm, which position he held five years. In 1909 he bought 106 acres of land lying four miles southwest of Greenfield. At that time the place was in a bad state of improvement, the house being unfinished, the fences down and fence rows grown up. In a short time Mr. King had finished up the house, erected new outbuildings, fenced and cross-fenced, much with hog-tight wire, and improved the lawn, so that he had one of the most attractive and desirable farms in the county. The entire farm was in cultivation excepting 14 acres, including some fine clover pasture. For a number of years Mr. King engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of Percheron horses and Shropshire sheep and of feeding hogs for the market. In the matter of hogs, he was partial to the Duroc-Jerseys. In 1916 Mr. King sold

this farm for a handsome price, and moved to Greenfield, where he bought the old Bailey homestead, consisting of a two-story brick residence and several acres of land. Since buying this place he has remodeled the house, repainted, and constructed new porches, until it is now one of the best homes in the city.

In 1895, on the 3rd day of September, he was married to Lula Bender, a native of Dade County, born April 4th, 1874, daughter of Henry Clay and Katharine T. (Begley) Bender. Her father and mother were natives of Tennessee, but came to Missouri a number of years ago.

Mr. and Mrs Bender raised a family of eight children: residing for the most part in Jasper County, Missouri:

- (1) Mrs. Alva L. White of South Greenfield.
- (2) O. Carl, now deceased.
- (3) Rella M., now Mrs. R. M. Girton.
- (4) Bicknell.
- (5) Harold.
- (6) Lulu, now Mrs. Frank E. King.
- (7) Lillian T., now Mrs. Lillian T. Whitlock, a teacher in Carthage, Mo.
- (8) Gale L., now Mrs. George Cowherd of Kansas.

Frank E. King is one of the active Republicans of Dade County, and has been one of the most enthusiastic good-roads boosters in Southwest Missouri. Both himself and wife are active members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and devote much of their time and means to the varied enterprises of that organization.

Mr. King is now living the life of a retired farmer, but this retirement is only temporary. He is still young and active, drives a Ford car, and is one of the substantial citizens of the community.

JONATHAN LEANDER KING.

Was born in Morgan Township, Dade County, Missouri, April 7th, 1859, son of William N. and Sarah (McConnell) King. His father was born November 7th, 1820, in Tennessee, and died November 12th, 1890, at the age

of 70 years. He was a son of William Harvey King, of English ancestry, pioneers of Tennessee. William N. King was raised on a farm and lived in a community where school opportunities were poor, consequently his education was meager. He came to Dade County in 1850 and purchased 320 acres of land in Morgan Township. At that time it was mostly timber land and unimproved. He built a log house, in which he installed his wife, two daughters and three sons. He was an industrious man and a successful farmer, as well as a stock raiser. Before his death all but 40 acres of the land had been put in cultivation. About the year 1870 he replaced the log cabin with a modern farm residence. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and during the Civil war his sympathies were with the South, but owing to physical disability he was unable to enlist in the army. He was a life-long Democrat and for years justice of the peace for Morgan Township.

His wife, Sarah Melissa McConnell, daughter of Thomas McConnell, was born in Tennessee February 9th, 1822, and died in November, 1876. She was of English ancestry and attended the country schools. Her parents, and also those of her husband, died in Tennessee. They were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. King were the parents of 10 children, five of whom are living:

(1) John A., born in Tennessee in 1849, now resides in Greenfield, a retired farmer.

(2) Robert C., born in Dade County in 1854, and is now living on the old homestead in Morgan Township.

(3) Mary D., born in Dade County April 28th, 1852, married Dr. William Lightner. She is now a widow and lives with her daughter in Tulsa, Okla.

(4) Jonathan Leander, the subject of this sketch.

(5) David T., born in Dade County March 6th, 1864, lives on part of the old homestead, but owns other land.

J. L. King was raised on the old homestead in Morgan Township, attended the common schools of the community, and on the 16th day of October, 1879, was married

to Mary A. Lyman, born in Morgan Township October 5th, 1859, daughter of John and Permelia (Pyland) Lyman. Her father came to Greene County, Missouri, when 8 years of age with his parents, and in 1854 located in Morgan Township, where he met his wife, and while still a resident of Green County was married. Soon thereafter he took up his residence in Morgan Township, on the county line, part of the farm being in Polk County. Permelia Pyland was a daughter of Bennett and Elizabeth (Pyland) Pyland (both of same name.) They came to Dade County from Tennessee in an early day, and both died on the old Pyland homestead. They were the parents of eleven children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King are the parents of four children:

(1) Lora, born on the old family homestead in Morgan township, November 5th, 1881, graduated from the William Wood college (for girls) at Fulton, Mo., in 1902, making a specialty of music. She was married in September, 1907 to R. P. Murphy of Greenfield. They have two children, King and Lora Lee.

(2) Jewell, born in Morgan township on the King homestead, August 14th, 1889, graduated from the Greenfield high school in class of 1910, married John O. Howard in 1911. He is a machinist and resides at Clovis, N. M. They have one child, Mary Emma.

(3) Theo, born on the King homestead in Morgan township, January 1st, 1897, graduated from the Greenfield high school in the class of 1915 and is now engaged in teaching.

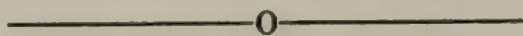
J. L. King remained on his farm in Morgan Township where he was engaged in general farming, stock raising, making a specialty of young mules, until the year 1903, when he moved to Greenfield, having been elected Presiding Judge of the County Court.

He served his first term from 1903 till 1907 and was re-elected to the same office in 1910 and served another four-year term. After moving to Greenfield Mr. King purchased a farm of 160 acres lying 4 miles northeast of the

city and a fine city home on King's Highway at the eastern limits of the city and commanding a fine view of Turnback valley. He personally managed his farming and stock raising enterprises while Judge of the County Court.

Mr. King in politics, is an active Republican having participated in numerous campaigns both primary and general. He is a zealous fighter and a good loser. He believes in putting ginger, "pep" and enthusiasm into everything which he undertakes, whether politically, religiously or financially. During his last administration as Presiding Judge of the County Court the good-roads movement reached its zenith in Dade county. More bridges were erected, more concrete culverts built and more miles of road graveled in those four years than in the preceding forty years. It might also be mentioned that the crowning feature of his first administration was the payment of the old railroad bonded debt which had been a ghost and a nightmare to the tax-payers of the county for almost half a century.

Fraternally, Mr. King is a member of the M. W. A. and the I. O. O. F. He has always been a republican although the King family have been democrats from "who laid the chunk." Mr. King and his entire family are active members of the Christian church, Mr. King having been an officer, and superintendent of the Sunday School for many years.



W. A. KING.

Was born in Sullivan county, Tenn., October 19th, 1861, son of James H. and Elizabeth C. (McConnell) King, the former being a native of Tennessee while the latter was born in Washington County, Va. They were married in Virginia and died there.

In early manhood James H. King came to Dade county and lived with his uncle, William King for two years. During this time he was severely crippled with a corn-knife after which he returned to Tennessee where he married, engaged in farming until the date of his

death. From the family record we glean the following data:

James Harvey King was born February 15th, 1834, was married to Elizabeth McConnell, April 22nd, 1858.

Elizabeth (McConnell) King was born December 15th, 1836, and died March 14th, 1869.

James H. King was the father of eight children, viz:

William Andrew (the subject of this sketch) born October 19th, 1861.

Thomas Johnathan, born August 25th, 1864, died December 5th, 1881.

James Harvey, Jr., born June 6th, 1867, now lives in Portland, Ore.

Moses L., born May 6th, 1870, now lives in Tennessee.

Elizabeth J., was born October 18th, 1872, lives in Tennessee.

Eliza E., born July 20th, 1878, now lives in Tenn.

Mary Haworth, born January 5th, 1881, and now resides at Ashville, N. C.

William A. King remained at home in Tennessee until he was 20 years of age when he came to Missouri and entered school, graduating from the Sedalia Business College, making a specialty of telegraphing and came to South Greenfield in 1882 as a substitute agent for the Frisco railroad, which position he held for four months when he received the appointment as agent at Everton. He remained at Everton two and one-half years when he was transferred to South Greenfield where he remained until 1890. His next position was agent at Mt. Vernon where he remained ten years and was finally transferred to the office at Greenfield where he remained three years. About 1888 he had purchased a farm of 124 acres on Sons Creek. In 1901 he sold his Sons Creek farm and bought a farm of 87 ares adjoining Greenfield on the west. There were no improvements on this place, but in 1903 he erected a fine frame dwelling, built commodious out-buildings, planted a large family orchard and moved onto the place where he has since resided. In addition to his

home farm, Mr. King owns an 80-acre farm on the Arcola road 3 miles north of Greenfield.

He is engaged in general farming, stock raising and feeding both hogs and cattle for the market. For a number of years Mr. King was interested in breeding standard-bred trotting horses and during that time owned many splendid specimens of the breed.

In 1887, on the 10th day of May, William A. King was married to Almer E. Hulston, daughter of Christopher and Nancy C. Hulston, her mother being a Kirby, one of the pioneer families of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. King are the parents of eight children, all living but one:

(1) Jennie Blanche, born April 7th, 1889, married to J. Leslie Horton October 1st, 1914, a native of Dade county. They have one child, John King Horton.

(2) Nellie Cecil, born July 28th, 1890, graduate of Springfield Business College. Is a stenographer by profession and lives in Greenfield.

(3) James W., born March 24th, 1893, died October 10, 1897.

(4) Harold L., born April 5th, 1895, a graduate of the Greenfield high school, has spent two years at the state university taking an Agricultural course and is now a member of the Hospital Corps of the U. S. Navy.

(5) Elizabeth C., born January 14th, 1898, a graduate of the Greenfield High School.

(6) Lora Irene, born December 28th, 1901, is now attending school.

(7) William Andrew, born July 8th, 1904, is now in school.

Mr. and Mrs. King are industrious, home-loving, Christian people, with an intelligent, interesting family of children and much to be thankful for. Mr. King is a member of the W. O. W. being a charter member of the Mt. Vernon Lodge.



W. Y. McLEMORE AND WIFE.



DR. BENJ. A. KIRBY.

Among the younger professional men of Dade County, Dr. B. B. Kirby stands among the first rank, a native of Polk County, Mo., he was born September 10th, 1866, a son of Sharp S. Kirby and Minerva Hayter, his wife, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively. Sharp Kirby died in early life when Dr. Kirby was only three years of age and his wife married again to Robt. R. King. Dr. B. B. Kirby received a good education in the public schools of Polk County and the old Baptist College at Boliver, Mo. from which he graduated in 1889. He was early interested in medicine and entered the Missouri School of medicine at St. Louis, now known as the Washington University, and received his degree in 1894. He located at once at Dadeville beginning what has since proved, a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Kirby was married Aug. 14th 1895 to Miss Lillie Carr a native of Dade County born Dec. 12th 1876, a daughter of Abe and Amanda (Stanley) Carr, extended mention of whom will be found under the name of James Carr, their son. To this union of Dr. Kirby and Miss Lillie Carr were born seven children; namely: Ruth, now attending the Springfield Normal where she is taking music; George, Lillian, Virginia, Conrad, all at home and receiving the best of educational advantages; Paul, now deceased. and the youngest died in infancy, unnamed. Dr. Kirby has always lived in Missouri with the exception of one year spent in southwest Kansas, where he proved up on 160 acres of land under the Old Soldiers' heirs act. This tract of land he still owns, as well as a larger acreage in Dade and Polk Counties. As a diversion from the strenuous practice of medicine, Dr. Kirby finds great pleasure in managing his large farming interests, which comprise the tract known as the old Carlock farm in Polk Township, containing 570 acres, and also 200 acres located in South Morgan Township of Dade County and Jackson Township of Polk County. Dr. Kirby is a large stock man, being interested in cattle, hogs and sheep. He fits for market from four to six carloads of hogs and cattle yearly. His

fine flock of Shropshire sheep, numbering about 75 head, is one of the largest and best in the county. Dr. Kirby does not hesitate to state that he considers sheep a desirable addition to the stock farm, and he rates them among his sure money-makers. It is his experience that there is little if any danger from wolves and dogs. He is a believer in the silo, also, having two large silos on his places, with a capacity of about 280 tons. He has been successful with alfalfa, now having an acreage of 12 acres, and is intending to expand along this line, and he strongly advises others in Dade County to try this valuable crop.

Dr. Kirby, aside from his extensive practice and his large farming stock interests, finds time to devote to the social affairs of his town. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and he and his wife are members of the Christian church, in which they are active, and he has had the distinction of being an elder for the past three years. Dr. Kirby is an active Republican, and may always be found ready to do his duty in political affairs. To meet Dr. Kirby and not feel at ease is impossible. His high education, good breeding and constant good nature and courteous, smiling personality is a tonic to any person, sick or well, and comes without price. Such men are indeed a blessing to any community. He is a booster for good roads and free schools, and always ready to help in any worthy cause. He is liberal and broad-minded, a citizen of real value and an honor to his county and his state. May he live long and prosper.

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DR. THOMAS R. KYLE.

Was born in Hancock County, East Tennessee, on the 13th day of November, 1856, a son of William M. and Roxie Lana (Delph) Kyle. His father was a native of Illinois, but raised in Tennessee, while his mother was a native of Tennessee, in which state they were married and raised their family of 10 children, seven of whom are now living.

The father was a farmer all his life, and moved to Ozark County, Missouri, where he retired, the mother dying about the year 1892.

Thomas R. Kyle remained at home until 23 years of age. He received a good common school education, and after teaching school for a period he entered the study of medicine at Baltimore Medical College in 1876, and afterward practiced medicine in his home county for 20 years.

He was married in Hancock County, Tennessee, November 23rd, 1879, to Rebecca J. Robinett, a native of Tennessee, by whom he had one daughter, Minnie J., now Mrs. Dr. J. K. Baker of Tennessee. His wife died March 6th, 1881. For his second wife he married Mary Ann Roller on the 23rd day of March, 1882, a native of Scott County, Virginia, and to this union two children were born, one dying at the age of 2 months. The other, Maud E., is a well-educated and accomplished young woman, a teacher by profession, but living at home during vacations.

Dr. Kyle came to Dade County, Missouri, in 1903, and located at Dadeville, where he remained for six years, after which he moved to Greenfield, where he now resides. After coming to Missouri he spent two years in the Kansas City Medical College, from which institution he graduated in 1903.

Since coming to Greenfield the doctor has built up a large and extensive practice. He owns one of the substantial homes of the city, located on its principal residence street.

In politics Dr. Kyle is a Republican, but has never been an office-seeker. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Washington Lodge in Greenfield.

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WILLIAM J. LANDERS.

A history of Dade County not containing a sketch of William J. Landers of the historic little town of Dadeville would be a disappointment to the great multitude of ad-

mining friends of Mr. Landers. Mr. Landers stands in the foremost ranks of Dade County's prominent citizens. A native of Dade, born November 25, 1850, and the descendant of two of the very first pioneer families of the county. He is the son of William B. and Nancy (Hoover) Landers. His father came to Dade County in 1832 when a young man, after having spent a few years of his early life in and around St. Louis, Mo. The Landers family, as well as the Hoover family, were undoubtedly natives of Tennessee. William Landers Sr. entered land in this county in the early 30's near Dadeville, and was a prosperous farmer. He was a Whig and later a Republican, and served as justice of the peace in 1870. He was a Christian gentleman and belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was of the best pioneer stock and has handed down to his descendants those sturdy and desirable qualities. William J. Landers remained at home, working for and with his father, until he was 30 years of age. He had bought 30 acres of Sac River bottom land, paying \$12.50 an acre, just previous to his marriage in 1880, and this he started out to put in shape for a home for his bride. He built a three-room cabin, and, being then ready for life on his own account and having great faith in the future and in good old Dade County, he married November 18th, 1880, Miss Margaret C. Wheeler, a daughter of one of our oldest and most respected citizens, Uncle Sam Wheeler, a sketch of whom appears in another section of this work. Miss Wheeler came from the same class of pioneer stock as Mr. Landers, and it is no wonder that this fine couple made a success of life from the time of their union. From the first they prospered, doing general farming, and all the time getting ahead, until, at this writing, they have one farm of 260 acres, in a body, in Polk Township, also 240 acres of the old Tarrant homestead in South Morgan Township, as well as 80 acres of mining land in Polk Township, in the McGee mining district, and also known as Bugle Ridge, or Pea Ridge. This mining property is being developed through different parties, to whom Mr.

Landers leases the property, taking a royalty which yields a nice income. Mr. and Mrs. Landers are living now practically retired, having moved to the town of Dadeville in 1900, where he bought and remodeled a home in the heart of the town, and since coming to Dadeville has been more or less active in the affairs of the place. He is a Republican and has been elected as mayor of Dadeville, serving for several years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Landers have been born two children, Clifford, born September 30th, 1886, and married to Miss Cora McConnell, and they have three children, William Hollis, Dennis and John Dalton; Dorris, born October 7th, 1890, married Charles T. Maze, a farmer of Dade County, and they have three children, Leon, Marion Violet and Mary Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Landers are supporters of the Presbyterian church, while he is a member of the Masonic order and also the I. O. O. F. Both Mr. and Mrs. Landers are members of the Eastern Star and Rebeccas.

To much cannot be said of the good that Mr. Landers has done in this, his native county. He has always been a progressive thinker and active in any movement for the public good, always ready with his time and money for any worthy cause. When they leave us on the long journey, they will leave behind them the influence of lives well spent, filled with kind deeds to others, and their works shall never die. We delight to honor such grand, good men and women as the subjects of this sketch, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Landers.

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OTTO R. LEE.

Was born in Calloway County, Missouri, December 22nd, 1884, son of James Lee, who was born in Kentucky September 21st, 1838, of English-Scotch-Irish parentage, a third cousin of Robert E. Lee of Confederate fame. James Lee was a son of James and Martha (Davis) Lee, the mother being a first cousin of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy.

James Lee came to Indiana with his parents and settled near Indianapolis about 1858. He was a farmer, as also were his parents before him, in Kentucky, where they were slave owners. James Lee Sr. died before the breaking out of the Civil war, and his widow re-married. He was the father of four children, two of whom are living, John living in Wichita, Kas., and he has a sister living in Indiana.

James Lee was married to Flora Ottinger, born in Tennessee, and died September 7th, 1913, lacking two months of being 69 years of age. Her parents came to Tennessee from Virginia, and were of the German F. F. V.'s. The Ottingers moved to Indiana about 1856 and settled near Whitestown and died there. Mrs. Lee had a common school education, and was a member of the M. E. church, as also was her husband. He was a Mason and Mrs. Lee a member of the Order of Eastern Star. James Lee was always a Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee were the parents of eleven children:

(1) Washington S., resides at Omaha, Neb., and is engaged in the grocery business.

(2) Ida, married George A. Holt, a farmer of Callo-way County, now deceased. Her second husband is Fred L. Henley of Los Angeles, Calif.

(3) Etta L., married Ross Rebman, a Pullman conductor. They reside in St. Louis.

(4) Robert E. Lee, assistant superintendent of the United Street Railway Service, St. Louis.

(5) William J., a manufacturer of ladies' notions at Chicago.

(6) Rosa May, married Frank F. Rebman, salesman for the International Harvester Company, and lives in St. Louis.

(7) Marvin C., a dentist, at Windsor, Mo.

(8) John R., a dentist, at Versailles, Mo.

(9) Otto R., the subject of this sketch.

(10) Lillian, head milliner in a large department store, Seattle, Wash.

The third child of this family was Lenora, who fell from a horse, breaking her spine, and dying at the age of 3 years.

Otto R. Lee was raised on a Calloway County farm, attended the country schools, and later entered the dental department of the St. Louis University in 1904, and received his diploma in Dental Surgery May 20th, 1907. Was examined by the State Board of Dental Surgery the following June and given his certificate to practice June 19th, 1907.

He located at Dadeville and opened an office for the practice of his profession, and remained there till 1909. He still continues to make professional calls at Dadeville, but has his principal office at Greenfield, and is recognized as the leading dentist of Southwest Missouri. He still remains unmarried. Fraternally Dr. Lee is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 558 at Dadeville, Mo., and belongs to the Springfield District, State and National Dental Associations. He is a Democrat in politics. He takes great pride in his profession, and strives to excel by providing himself with the very latest appliances belonging to the art of dental surgery, and to these he adds a skill and technical knowledge which is little less than marvelous.

His father is still living and makes his home with a daughter in St. Louis. He is 78 years of age.

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JOHN CYRUS LINDLEY.

(Deceased.)

Was born September 11th, 1852, on the old homestead in Dade County, two miles north of Bona, in North Morgan Township, son of John Lindley, one of the pioneer settlers of the county. His father was born August 9th, 1806, and was killed during the war. His mother, Mary Lindley, was born February 25th, 1811.

On the 25th day of January, 1877, John C. Lindley was married to Florence Hailey, who was born in Dade County November 23rd, 1854.

John Cyrus Lindley departed this life in Dade County October 10th, 1902, leaving a family of seven children, all now living in Dade County except Elmer, who lives in New Mexico:

- (1) James Walter, born September 6th, 1877.
- (2) John Elmer, born February 21st, 1879.
- (3) Mary Eva, born February 8th, 1881, married Landon Holman, a farmer, and lives north of Arcola.
- (4) Laura Jane, born February 1st, 1883, married Bert Davis, lives north of Arcola.
- (5) Alvin Rollo, born February 7th, 1885.
- (6) Frank Lee, born August 11th, 1887.
- (7) Riley Joe, born August 31st, 1892.

Mr. Lindley in his lifetime, was a staunch democrat, a member of the Christian church, and a successful farmer and business man. At the time of his death he owned 2,000 acres of land in Dade and Cedar counties. In 1891 he built a fine residence on his farm in Dade County.

Mrs. Lindley is a member of the Christian church at Bona.

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ALBERT O. LITCHFIELD.

Born in Virginia, August 22nd, 1848, son of William and Catherine (Upson) Litchfield, both natives of Virginia and married there. William Litchfield was a carpenter by trade and moved to Kentucky in 1850, settled upon a farm which he bought in Lewis county, where he farmed and worked at his trade until the time of his death in 1856. After his death his widow married Benjamin Flanders, a farmer.

Albert O. Litchfield has one sister living, Mary Ellen, now Mrs. William Ruark of Portsmouth, Ohio, three half sisters and one half brother living in Ohio and Kentucky.

Mr. Litchfield received his schooling in Kentucky. He left home at the age of 17 years, worked out farming and in the lumber business and finally entered the lumber business on his own account, making shingles, lumber, operating saw mills and conducting lumber yards and also raising tobacco.



JOHN E. ADAMSON,
Cashier, Citizens' Bank.



JOEL T. HEMBREE AND WIFE.

On the 25th day of December, 1872 he was married to Margaret A. Hampton, who was born in Kentucky July 19th, 1843, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Pool) Hampton, both natives of Kentucky, were farmers and lived and died there.

Mr. Litchfield farmed in Kentucky until 1890 when he came to Dade County through the influence of D. T. Wilkins, a brother-in-law, who had settled in Greenfield. On his arrival in Dade County, he rented the Wilkins farm and cultivated it for six years then bought a 40-acre tract in Center Township where they lived for a year or two then rented the Bob West farm near his 40 acres where they lived and farmed for 10 years. In 1904 he sold his 40 acre tract and bought the Kit McMillen farm of 121 acres adjoining South Greenfield.

Since purchasing this farm Mr. Litchfield has made many improvements and has fenced a considerable portion of it with hog-tight wire. He also purchased and additional 5-acre tract adjoining the two of South Greenfield. He has improved and enlarged the dwelling and constructed a cement outside cellar.

Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield are the parents of two children:

- (1) William, died in infancy.
- (2) Bettie Florence, born July 3rd, 1877, married January 26th, 1902 to Claude H. Ayres, a native of Kansas who was born January 16th, 1877. Four children have been born of this marriage:

- (1) Baby died in infancy.
- (2) Audrey Alice, born March 19th, 1905.
- (3) Oren Dale, born August 6th, 1907.
- (4) Leota Kathryn, died at the age of nine months.

Mr. Ayres and Mr. Litchfield farm together on the home place. Mr. Litchfield is a democrat, and both himself and wife are members of the Christian Church.

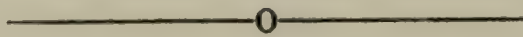
In addition to general farming, Mr. Litchfield has raised some short-horn cattle. He is a public spirited man, deeply interested in good roads and annually feeds a car load or more of hogs for the market.

JOHN B. LORAH.

Was born in Defiance County, Ohio, February 13th, 1860, son of Daniel and Samantha (Morris) Lorah. His father was a native of Ohio while his mother hailed from Indiana. His father came to Carroll county, Mo., shortly after the war. He was a farmer and lived there 10 years then came to Bates County. He farmed there a few years and then moved to New Madrid Co. He died there about the year 1898, his wife having preceded him more than 20 years.

John B. Lorah is the 2nd in point of birth of a family of five children. He received his education in Missouri, and came to Dade county in 1898. He is a saddler, harness and shoemaker by trade. He first run a shop in Bona for eight years, then moved to Aldrich in Polk county for five years, then located in Dadeville where he lived until coming to Greenfield.

He is a democrat and was elected treasurer of Dade county upon that ticket at the election of 1916. His majority was 83, a fine showing in a county with a normal Republican majority of approximately 400. He is now living in Greenfield attending to the duties of his office. He is a member of the Christian church, sober, industrious and well qualified to fill the office to which he has been elected.



ALBERT LUCAS.

As an inspiration to young men who start out in the world under adverse circumstances, the life and history of Albert Lucas may be helpful. He was born in Camden county, Mo., February 24th, 1875, a son of John Lucas and Elizabeth (Richardson) Lucas. His father was born in Pennsylvania, while his mother was a native of Camden county. John Lucas came to Missouri in an early day while yet a single man and married in Camden county. He was a farmer and raised his family in Camden county. Both he and his wife are dead and buried in that county.

He was a man of little property and unable to give his children the benefit of an extended education.

Albert Lucas received his very meager education in the public schools in Camden county which were far below the standard of up-to-date efficiency. He left home at 17 years of age to carve out his own fortune in the world. In 1892 he landed in Dade county where he had neither friends, relatives nor acquaintances and without a dollar in money. For five years he worked as a farm hand on the farm of Ewing Morris, then at other places in the neighborhood, when the wanderlust took possession of him, leading him to the state of California. After spending one year on the Pacific coast he returned to Dade county and worked for four years on the William Preston farm.

On the 17th of August, 1899 he reached the real turning point of his career when he married Miss Kate Morris, a native of Dade county, daughter of J. Monroe Morris and Mary Jane (Maniece) Morris. At this time he rented 200 acres of the Morris farm and cultivated it for five years and then purchased 117 acres of the Morris estate. This land was well improved except a barn. Since his marriage Mr. Lucas has prospered exceedingly well, having purchased an additional 76 acres making him 193 acres of splendid farming land in Smith township.

In 1910 Mr. Lucas erected a commodious barn and added other out-buildings to his farm improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas have two children:

- (1) Mary Opal, born July 21st, 1901.
- (2) Clarence Albert, born September 6th, 1903.

Both are attending school.

Mr. Lucas is a progressive farmer and cattle feeder. He feeds for the market one car of cattle and two car loads of hogs each year and raises many mules. His farm is well supplied with water from spring branch and wells. It is well fenced and highly improved. Mr. Lucas and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity with membership at Greenfield, an Odd Fellow and W. O. W. with membership at Pennsboro.

By reason of his prosperity Mr. Lucas is able to drive an Overland car, is a Democrat in politics, a booster for good roads and always votes "yes" on the proposition of increased taxation for good schools. He has been a member of the school board for six years. Thus from penury and poverty he has attained prominence, popularity and prosperity, not by any mystic witchcraft or wizardry, but by the old-fashioned method of honesty, integrity and industry.

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JONATHA J. McCONNELL.

A native of Dade county, born three and one-half miles north of Dadeville, September 12th, 1852, son of Rufus and Susan (King) McConnell. His father was a native of Virginia and his mother a native of Tennessee. They were married in Tennessee and came to Missouri about 1849. Jonatha J. was the first child born of this family in Dade County. His sister, Mary, married Henry Clay Marcum, both of whom are now deceased, leaving a family, a sketch of which will be found in another place in this history. His older brother, Elbert H. McConnell, is now a resident of Alhambra, Cal. His other sister died at a very early age. Rufus McConnell, his father, purchased 200 acres of partly improved land in Dade County, but died in 1855. His widow afterward married John Marcum, and they are now both deceased, leaving no children.

Jonatha J. McConnell was thrown upon his own resources when 16 years of age. After his mother's second marriage he lived with his brother until his marriage. He married his first wife, Mary Fletcher Thompson, a native of Ohio, on the 21st day of February, 1878. To this union were born six children, four of whom are now living, viz:

(1) Baby, died in infancy.

(2) Lucy Pearl, grew to womanhood, married Shelby Osborn, an attorney of Stockton, Cedar County, Missouri, she died leaving one child, Rowena McConnell Osborn.

(3) Rufus, born on the 15th day of September, 1881. Married Mertie Toler, a native of Indiana. They reside on a farm in Sac Township, and have five boys, Alvin E., William Wilbur, John T., Charles Lester and Carl R.

(4) William Edward, born December 17th, 1883. Married Maude Vaughn, a native of Dade County, daughter of Price Vaughn. They are farming in Sac Township and have three girls, viz: Huldah L., Vera E. and Helen O.

(5) J. Arthur, born December 13th, 1885. Married Mamie Carlock, a native of Dade County, a daughter of James Madison Carlock. They now reside upon a farm in Sac Township and have three children, viz: Clinton A., Raymond E. and Mildred E.

(6) Mary Edna, born March 15th, 1888. Married M. A. Young, have one child, John Marshall Young.

Jonatha J. McConnell's first wife died July 19th, 1890, and on December 10th, 1891, he was married to Charity Maude Hembree, a daughter of Judge Joel Hembree. To this union were born nine children, all living:

(1) O. Elbert, born January 27th, 1893. He is now attending the state university at Columbia, taking a course in agriculture. Will graduate in 1918.

(2) Ida May, born September 8th, 1894.

(3) Guy B., born July 31st, 1896. Married Minnie C. Montgomery October 7th, 1916.

(4) Howard G., born March 1st, 1898, is still at home.

(5) Sarah Elma, born May 22nd, 1901.

(6) Emery Allison, born July 23rd, 1904.

(7) Gordon Lee, born December 30th, 1906.

(8) Frances Mildred, born July 28th, 1909.

(9) Donald Hembree, born April 6th, 1914.

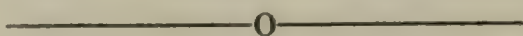
After the death of his father, Jonatha J. received some land from his estate, and by buying out some of the heirs he started with 100 acres lying northeast of Dadeville. Here he built a house, made many improvements and resided till 1889, when he traded it for 170 acres on Sac river adjoining Seybert. This land was little improved, but year by year he has added to its value

and acreage, until he has now 256 acres of fine land, highly improved, making it a splendid country home.

In addition to raising general crops, Mr. McConnell has had good success with alfalfa, to which his bottom land is naturally adapted. In keeping with the natural resources of his farm, Mr. McConnell raises, feeds and markets a large number of cattle and hogs each year.

Mr. McConnell and wife are members of the Christian church. He has served one term as judge of the County Court from the Eastern district from 1914 to 1916. He is a member of the W. O. W., and while a member of the County Court did much toward the good-roads movement in the county.

While there has been nothing of a spectacular nature in the life of Mr. McConnell, he is nevertheless one of those quiet, reserved, conservative sort of citizens that are always to be relied upon in matters affecting the general welfare of the community.



THOMAS K. McCONNELL.

It would be impossible to write a complete history of Dade County without making frequent mention of the name, McConnell. This family was among the pioneers and the various branches of the family have figured largely in all the principal events connected with the growth and development of the county.

Thomas K. McConnell, the subject of this sketch, was born in Dade County July 27th, 1873, son of John S. and Mary Ann (King) McConnell, the former being a native of Washington County, Virginia, and born in that state February 11th, 1820, while the latter was born in Tennessee August 8th, 1829. They were married in Polk County, Missouri, in 1862. John S. McConnell had been previously married to a lady in Virginia, who died, leaving three children, who accompanied him to Missouri. He finally settled in Cedar County, Missouri, on government land. He was the first county judge of Cedar County,

and prominent in Democratic political circles of that county.

John S. McConnell later came to Dade County and settled on a farm of 320 acres near Hulston's Mill, which tract of land is still owned by members of his family.

To his second marriage were born five children, four of whom grew to maturity, but only one (Thomas K.) is now living. John S. McConnell was a prominent man in Dade County, taking an active part in all public matters. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and also of the Masonic order, and died August 16th, 1892. His wife died July 17th, 1916.

Thomas K. McConnell received his entire education in Dade County, first in the common schools and later in Ozark College in Greenfield. He was 17 years of age when his father died. He made a specialty when in school of civil engineering and surveying. His first public office was that of County Highway Engineer in 1908-1909, and in 1912 he was elected County Surveyor of Dade County for a four-year term, during which time the office was combined with that of County Highway Engineer.

Prior to the time of his service as County Highway Engineer, he was engaged in the mercantile business in Greenfield, making a specialty of boots, shoes and gents' furnishings. About the time of his entry into the office of Highway Engineer the good-roads movement was being agitated in Dade County, which resulted in the voting of \$30,000 in Center Township, \$17,000 in Washington Township, and many thousands of dollars by subscription in various parts of the county for the purpose of building rock roads and bridges. During his term of office he surveyed, platted, drew plans, specifications and estimates of cost of more than 50 miles of rock roads in the county and more than 100 bridges, large and small, were constructed under his direct supervision.

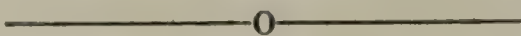
Mr. McConnell is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Presbyterian church, has attained the Knights Templar degree in Masonry and is a resident of the city

of Greenfield, living in a commodious, comfortable, modern residence, which he erected in 1915.

He was married on the 28th day of October, 1908, to Rosa E. Scroggs, born in Dade County, Missouri, October 11th, 1882, daughter of John E. Scroggs, a prominent member of another Dade County pioneer family. To this union two children were born: Mary Virginia, born November 18th, 1909, and Lora Bell, born August 20th, 1917.

In the spring of 1917 Mr. McConnell purchased the William L. Scroggs grocery stock, in company with his brother-in-law, R. E. Wasson, under the firm name of McConnell & Wasson, and are now enjoying a splendid trade in that line.

In addition to his mercantile business, Mr. McConnell is an extensive farmer, owning 260 acres of the old McConnell homestead, all in one body, which he has named "The Spring Farm," where he feeds annually for market a large number of hogs and cattle, having a preference for the Whiteface cattle and Poland-China hogs. He still maintains a lively interest of "good roads," and is active in farmers' clubs and community organizations.



JOHN B. McCONNELL.

A native of Dade County, Missouri, was born August 29th, 1861, son of Thomas and Narcissa (Patterson) McConnell. His father was a native of Virginia, but came to Dade County very early, and married here. He died shortly after the close of the war. His mother re-married, her second husband being Eldridge Miller. They are now both deceased.

Thomas and Narcissa McConnell were the parents of two children: John B. and Alex. The latter served two terms as sheriff of Dade County, married Laura Scroggs, and they are now living in the west. His mother raised two children by her second marriage: Charles I. Miller and Clarence, a Dade County farmer.

John B. McConnell lived with his mother and step-father until he was 20 years of age, then went back to



CHARLES F. NEWMAN.

the old McConnell homestead, being the land which his father entered from the government, and consisting of 280 acres of splendid land. He received 140 acres from his father. The house on the old homestead was burned during the war, supposedly by the Kinch West raiders, and this part of the land came to John B. When he came into possession of this land he went to work with a will, and has made it one of the leading farms of the county. He has prospered and has added to his holdings until now he has 305 acres, all in one body, and a five-acre tract in Dadeville. In 1887 he built a fine six-room dwelling house on the land, two stories high, and now has it equipped with a modern acetylene lighting plant. The farm is well watered with wells, springs and branches, and is all in cultivation excepting 40 acres. Mr. McConnell is engaged in general farming and stock raising, including cattle, horses, hogs and mules.

He was married on the 28th day of December, 1881, to Ella Nora Kirby, born in Dade County, Missouri, September 1st, 1863, daughter of James M. and Mary J. (Grisham) Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are the parents of three children:

(1) Hugh A., born November 30th, 1885, married Cytha Berry. He is farming in Dade County northwest of Dadeville. They have two children: Frances, born April 23rd, 1913. and Junior, born April 2nd, 1915.

(2) Clara Ester, born June 17th, 1888, married Vernon Grisham, a native of Jasper County, Missouri, but now resides in Dade County on her father's farm. They have two children: Lavon, born July 17th, 1911, and Elladean, born October 9th, 1914.

(3) James Ralph Benton, born December 28th, 1899. He is now attending school at Dadeville.

Mrs. McConnell is a member of the Baptist church. Politically Mr. McConnell is a militant Republican, has never aspired to be an office-holder, but has always taken great interest in local matters, especially those pertaining to roads and schools. He has served as a member of the

local school board for a number of years and has demonstrated his faith in the good-roads movement by purchasing and driving a Ford car, not as a mark of distinction, but as an act of sound sense and good judgment.

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W. Y. McLEMORE.

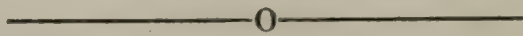
There is probably no better known man in eastern Dade County than W. Y. McLemore, the subject of this sketch. He is a native of our county, having been born here, in Center Township, February 15th, 1852, a son of Archiband McLemore, who was born in Knox County, Tennessee, in 1817, a son of Archibald McLemore, who was a native of North Carolina, and emigrated to Knox County, Tennessee, where he met and married Sarah Plumley in 1820, later moving to Monroe County, Tennessee, where he died in 1825, his wife having passed away the year before, in 1824. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Archibald Jr. was the seventh in order of birth. After his father's death he went to live with his older brother, Abram, with whom he stayed until he became of age. In 1827 he assisted the governor of Tennessee to remove the Cherokee Indians from Tennessee to their reservation in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. On September 15th, 1842, he married Miss Mollie Brown, who was born in North Carolina in 1817. She was a daughter of Robert and Jennie (Dennis) Brown, who moved to Monroe County, Tennessee, from North Carolina about 1820. In 1842 Archibald McLemore emigrated to Dade County and settled two miles northeast of Greenfield on a farm which later became known as the John Higgins farm. Mr. McLemore remained here only two years, however, returning to Tennessee on account of his poor health. In 1849 he again came to Dade County and settled on a place on Sac river five miles northeast of Greenfield, and here he farmed and raised stock and added to his landed holdings until he had 265 acres of good land. Here he died in 1905, an honored and respected citizen. Of his family there were six children, as follows:

Mary, died in 1886 at age of 43; Robert S., a resident of Oklahoma, where has large farming interests, and also has a fine farm in Dade County; Sarah Ann, now Mrs. James McConnell of Dade County; William Y., the subject of this sketch; Pauline, now Mrs. George W. Wilson of Everton; J. M., a large stock and ranchman of Oklahoma. Mr. McLemore was a fine Christian gentleman. He was a Democrat before the war, but after this ended he voted the Republican ticket.

William Y. McLemore remained at home, farming and getting his education, until he was 26 years of age, after which he entered a business career, going into partnership with Geo. W. Wilson, and opened up a general store at Cross Roads in 1878. When the railroad came through the county he and Mr. Wilson moved to Everton, where they built the first store building ever erected there, thereby becoming the pioneer merchants of Everton. In 1882 Mr. McLemore sold out his interest to James G. Wilson, brother of George Wilson, and two years later formed a partnership with his two brothers, R. F. and J. M. McLemore, and opened up a general store at Everton, known as the McLemore Brothers. They continued together until 1898, when J. M. McLemore bought out the entire business. W. Y. McLemore was elected County Recorder in 1902 and served four years. In 1908 he went to Porum, Okla., where he was engaged in the mercantile business, and also dealt in land, remaining there until 1914, when he came back to Everton, and, in connection with George W. Wilson, organized the Bank of Everton from the private bank of George W. Wilson. Mr. McLemore is now the vice president of this thriving institution, while Mr. Wilson is president. A complete sketch of this bank will be found elsewhere in this work. Later on, Mr. McLemore and Mr. Wilson organized the Everton Hardware Company, which is a going business, and how else could it be when Mr. McLemore is general manager and George W. Wilson is president? Mr. McLemore is also an extensive land owner. He has 440 acres of good land in Oklahoma. On April 21st, 1881, Mr. McLemore

married Miss Serepta C. Wheeler, who was born in Polk Township, Dade County, February 16th, 1859, a daughter of Calvin and Ascenith (Carlock) Wheeler, pioneers of Dade County, settling in Polk Township, where they farmed for years, and later engaged in merchandising at Cross Roads until his death. They were fine Christian people, and more may be found about these people elsewhere.

To Mr. and Mrs. McLemore have been born eight children, as follows: Clyde is a prominent attorney of Billings, Mont.; Maude Elsie died when a child; Clarence is assistant cashier in the Bank of Everton; Forest is a musician and teacher; Ray is in the hardware business with his father; Dewey is a graduate of Everton High School and took a course in Springfield Normal; Carl, who is a graduate of Everton High School, and Greta are at home. Mr. McLemore is a prominent Republican and prominent in the Presbyterian church. Too much cannot be said for the high standing of this fine citizen and his family. They are in the front rank, and Mr. McLemore's success as a business man is due to his close application to business and his unswerving honesty in all matters. His word is as good as his bond anywhere, and his many friends are outspoken in praises of himself, his family and his business methods. What more could mortal man desire and what higher recommendation could one receive? Mr. McLemore is a courteous, kindly, Christian gentleman, and Dade County may be congratulated in having such high-grade men within its borders.



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS McLEMORE SR.

A member of one of the large pioneer families of Dade County, was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, May 15th, 1837, son of John and Delila (Breden) McLemore, both natives of Tennessee, having been married there and came overland to Dade County in 1852 with a family of nine children, five boys and four girls. Three of the boys are still living in Dade County: William McLemore

of South Greenfield, Patrick McLemore of Washington Township and C. C. McLemore. Of his sisters, Cynthia is the widow of David Spain, Dialtha is the widow of Perry Farries, now living in Greenfield. He has one brother, Marion, who resides in Texas.

Both his father and mother died in Dade County and are buried at the Mt. Zion cemetery in Smith Township.

When John McLemore first came to the county he purchased 160 acres of land in Washington Township, which he improved and added to, until at the date of his death he owned 300 acres. After his father's death, C. C. McLemore purchased the interest of the other heirs and became the owner of the old homestead.

At the breaking out of the Civil war Mr. McLemore, in company with his partner, Dan Bailey, went to Colorado and purchased 160 acres of land in Weld County, where the city of Greeley now stands. They bought and sold livestock, dealt in land, and prospered. In 1868 Mr. McLemore sold out his Colorado interests and returned to the land of plenty in Dade County, where he settled upon an 80-acre tract of land heired by his wife and where he now lives. From this time on he engaged extensively in raising, buying and shipping cattle, investing his profits in land, until at one time he was the owner of 1,000 acres. He gave each of his sons a fine farm to start them in life, so that now he has but 440 acres in the original home place, all in one body except the railroad right-of-way.

On the 5th day of January, 1868, C. C. McLemore was married to Sarah Ann Ragsdale, who was born in Dade County November 7th, 1842, a daughter of Joshua Ragsdale, a native of Tennessee, and Sarah (Turner) Ragsdale, a native of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale were married in Tennessee.

C. C. McLemore and wife are the parents of eight children, two of whom are dead: Florence died in infancy. Ella died unmarried at the age of 45. She was born April 30th, 1870, and died February 7th, 1916. One daughter, Hattie, born March 19th, 1872, married John

F. Daugherty, a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher, and also a farmer. They live in the vicinity of South Greenfield. The five boys are as follows:

(1) J. B., born December 21st, 1868, lives at home and farms with his father. Is a Democrat and active in politics, having served as Judge of the Eastern District one term.

(2) Perry, born January 16th, 1874, married Maggie Withrow, a native of Dade County. They have one child living, Georgie Marie, and one died in infancy.

(3) Roy, born October 27th, 1875, married Lula Withrow, a native of Dade County. They have two children, Nellie Beatrice and Albert Jacob.

(4) Clark, born June 14th, 1882, married Willie Tanner, a native of Dade County. They have three children: Rubie, Lummie Christine and Georgie May.

(5) Christopher Columbus Jr., born March 27th, 1888, married Katie Duffy, a native of Dade County. They have two children, Anna Lucile and Mary Ellen.

Mr. McLemore has one of the excellent farms of Dade County, well stocked with splendid breeds of cattle and horses. The farm is now being managed by his youngest son. On the father's farm is kept a registered Hereford bull, while at the farm of Bailey, his son, are kept a French Coach Stallion and a Kentucky Jack.

Mr. McLemore is a Democrat, and active in politics. He has been a member of the school board for many years, and both he and his wife are active members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was one of the organizers of the Dade County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and for years was a member of the board of directors of the Dade County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, and as an exhibitor has taken perhaps as many if not more live stock premiums than any other man in the county.

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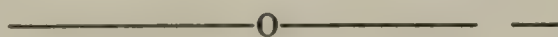
HARMON P. McPEAK.

Deceased.

Harmon P. McPeak, late prominent citizen of Dade County, was born in Tennessee October 19th, 1825. He

was a son of Mathew and Elizabeth (Powell) McPeak, who came to Dade County, Missouri, in 1837, and took up land from the government, and remained here until 1852, when they went to California in search of gold, taking their entire family with the exception of Harmon P., who had married four years previous and decided to stick to Dade County to make his fortune, which, as it turned out, he was successful in doing. He married Miss Emily Asbell February 10th, 1848, who was born in Kentucky February 3rd, 1830, and brought by her parents to Dade County in 1837, therefore being Dade County pioneers in the true sense. Harmon McPeak served in the State Militia for a time during the Civil war, but was discharged on account of sickness. After the war was over he entered 80 acres of good land, and upon this he and his wife both lived during their entire lives, and this property is now in the possession of their youngest son, Leonidas, a sketch of whom may be found elsewhere. Harmon McPeak was a success as a farmer and stockman. He put his land in a high state of cultivation and prospered exceedingly, adding to his landed interests until he had at one time over 1,000 acres. He was the father of a large family, and sometime previous to his death, which took place December 28th, 1906, he had given his many broad acres to his children. His wife lived for some years, passing away January 19th, 1917. To this fine couple were born eleven children, eight of whom are still living. They were: John, born November 19th, 1848, a resident of Idaho; Mary Ann, born November 8th, 1850, is now Mrs. Clovis DePee of Colorado; Debitha Armilda, born August 4th, 1853, now Mrs. A. Frieze, see sketch of the Frieze family; James Elijah, born December 17th, 1855, and died February 1st, 1892, leaving two children; Susan Pauline, born February 15th, 1858, died October 7th, 1862; Neoma Mariah, born May 20th, 1861, and died in 1884; Theodore, born February 6th, 1863, a farmer of Cedar County; Mathew Pearce, born December 10th, 1865, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere; Dora, born March 20th, 1868, is now Mrs. C. C. Redwine of California;

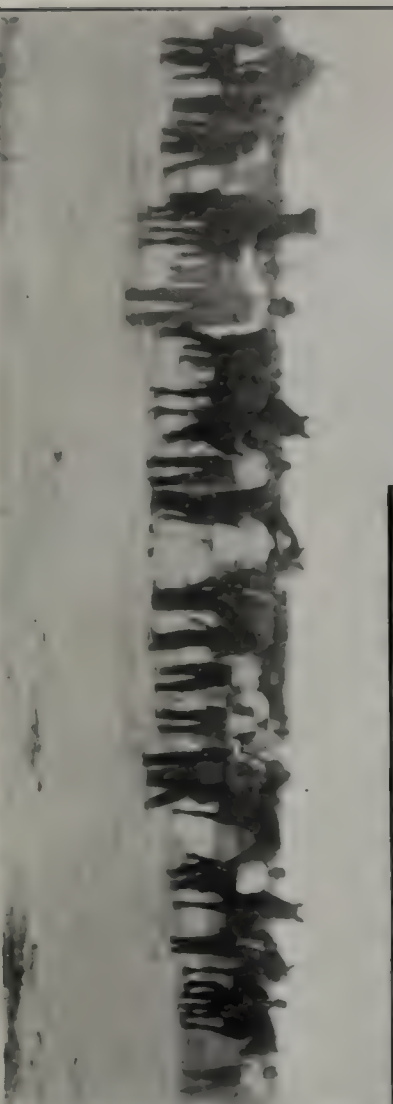
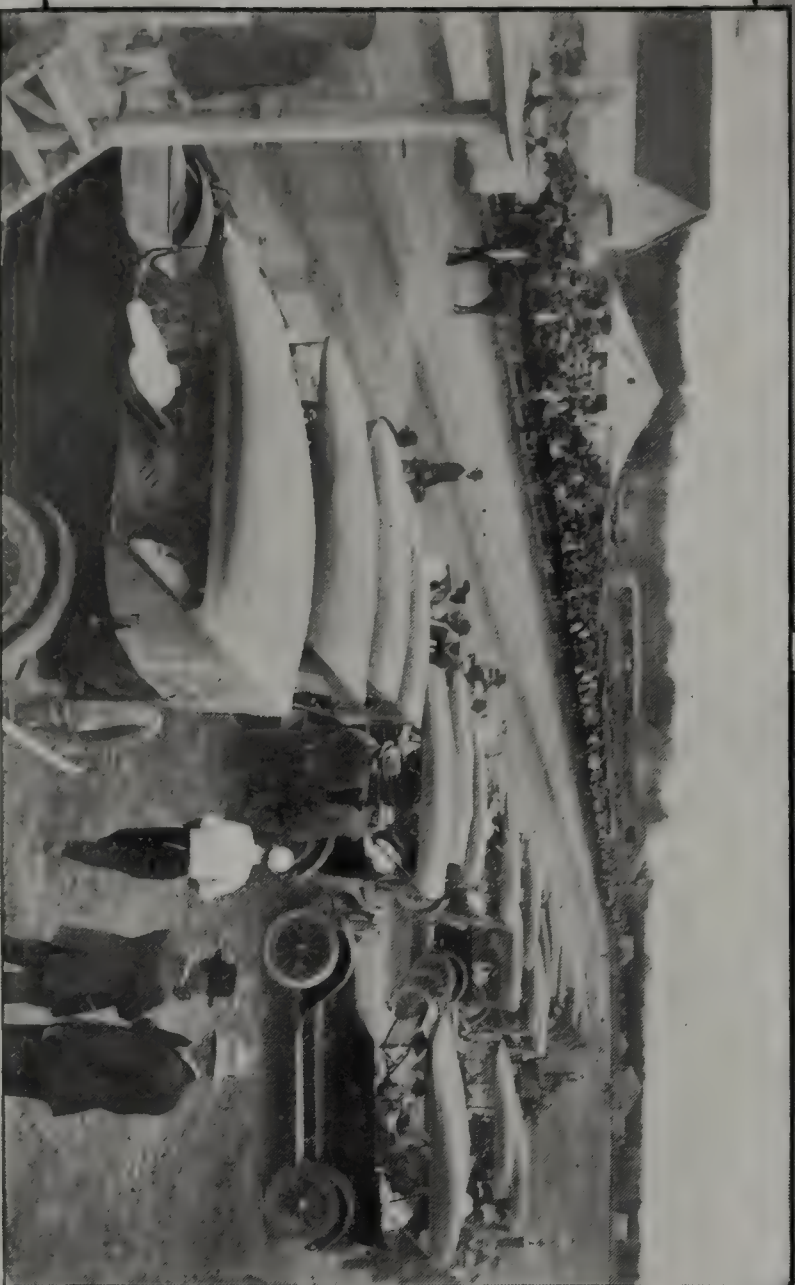
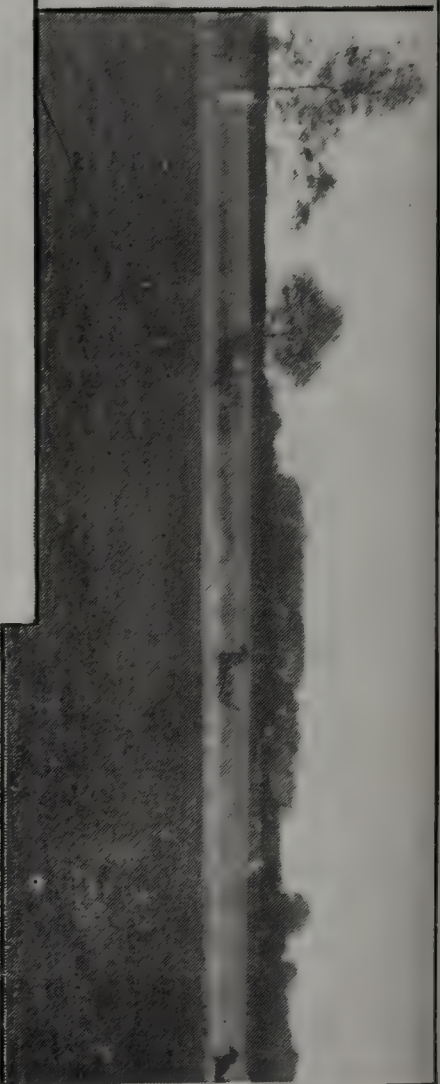
Florence, born April 4th, 1870, is now Mrs. Pete Morgan of Dade County; Leonidas of Dade County. Harmon McPeak and his wife were both members of the Christian church and were devoted to the Christian cause. He was a lover of fine stock and much interested in the development of our free public school system, and served many years as school director. Truly, the memory of these estimable people shall never die, for their good works will always rise up to bless them, and the fine family they have left behind them are a blessing to our county. There are no words adequate to express the high regard and love felt for this venerable couple, so lately departed from our midst.



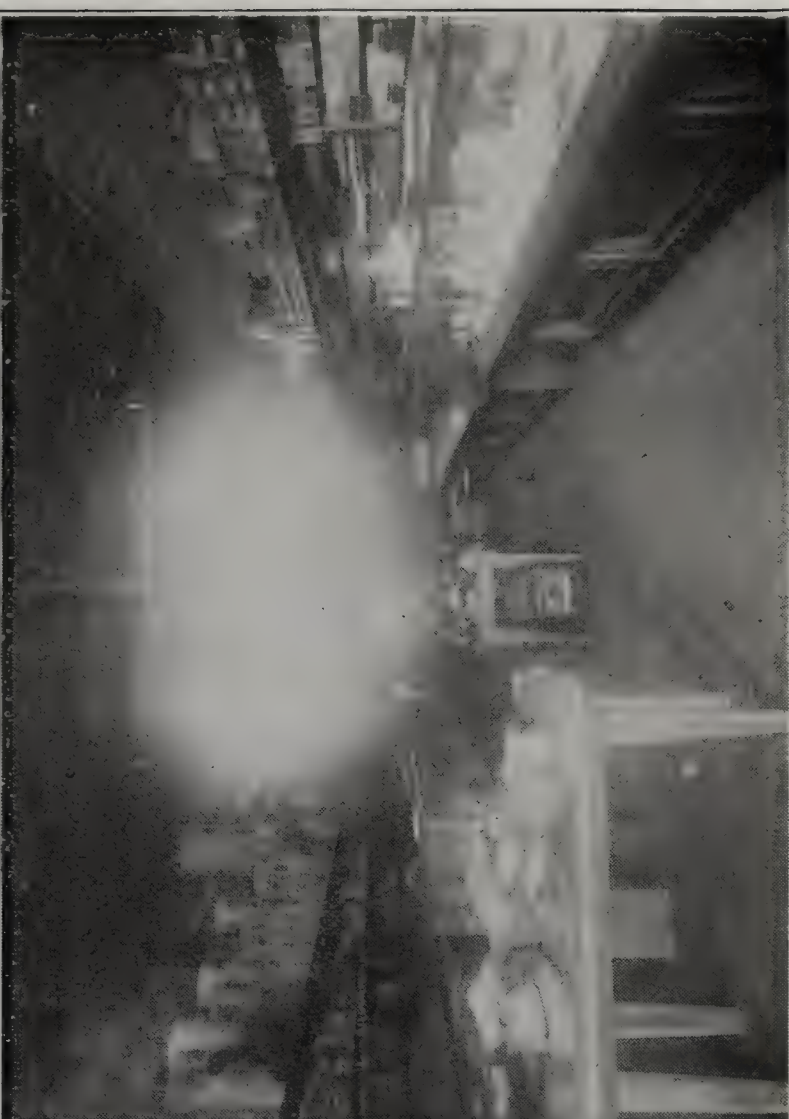
M. P. McPEAK.

M. P. McPeak, son of Harmon P. and Emily (Asbell) McPeak, Dade County pioneers, was born in Dade County December 10th, 1865. (See sketch of Harmon McPeak for family and war record.)

During his boyhood and early manhood M. P. McPeak lived at his father's home, attending school and helping with the farm work. He was given a schooling at the Christian College at Ash Grove, Greene County, and at the age of 22, in the year 1887, he bought 80 acres of timber land in North Morgan Township, and went to work clearing it up for the purpose of making a home for himself, built a small one-room house, and here he "bached" for nine long years, all this time, with the exception of two years spent in the states of Idaho and Washington, hammering away to improve his land. His father gave him an adjoining 40, also timber land, and this, too, he cleared, fenced and generally improved. On this 40 he eventually built his present fine residence. On March 3rd, 1896, he married one of Dade County's finest daughters, Miss Kate Wilson, born March 7th, 1871, a daughter of Alfred and Sara Jane (Russell) Wilson. Alfred Wilson came from Nashville, Tenn., to Dade County when but a lad of 12 years. He was twice married, his



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Lockwood, Mo.



ARCOLA VIEWS.

first wife being Miss Mary Lou Davis, and by whom he had two children. To Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McPeak have been born eight children, all of whom are living at this writing. They are: Lucy E., born December 23rd, 1896, married December 23rd, 1915, to Gilbert L. Maxwell, a farmer of Dade County, and they have one child, James Lowell, born October 25th, 1916; Theo. J., born November 14th, 1898, and married Perry Stockton, a farmer of South Morgan Township, in December, 1916; Zora B., born September 8th, 1900; Ida Neoma, born July 8th, 1902; Anna Leona, born November 22nd, 1904; Emma E., born September 10th, 1906; Flora Mildred, born September 29th, 1908; Kate Regina, born December 24th, 1911, all living at home and receiving the very best of educational advantages. Mr. McPeak is a general farmer and stockman, feeds largely and uses all the up-to-date methods and uses silage to advantage. He has a 160-ton silo on his place. This wide-awake farmer has certainly made a success of his business, and his farm, with its fine eight-room residence and large barns and outbuildings, is one of the show places of the county. The farm now comprises 320 acres, 300 in cultivation, all fenced and cross-fenced, well watered with wells, springs and branch. The house is fitted with acetylene gas and all modern appliances, which are now enjoyed by all the family and appreciated, yet the little house where Mr. McPeak first made his start is the actual place of birth of all eight of the children, and they all still love the old place, even though they now reside in so fine a residence.

Mr. McPeak is a Republican in politics, but has never sought or desired office, preferring to devote his time to his large farming and stock interests and to his fine family. A man of fine breeding, courteous, and not a bit stuck-up, pleasant to meet, a gentleman of the first water, we do not hesitate to place him in the front rank of our citizenship.

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LON McPEAK.

Among the prominent farmers and stock men of eastern Dade County we must mention Lon McPeak of

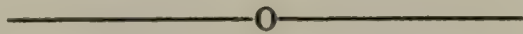
North Morgan Township. He is a native of this county, born December 28th, 1873, a son of Harmon P. and Emma (Asbell) McPeak, a complete sketch of whom may be found elsewhere in this volume. Lon McPeak is the youngest of eleven children born to his parents. He has always resided on the home place, and now owns a large portion of the original McPeak homestead. Mr. McPeak was educated in the common and high schools of Dade County, and also attended the Christian College at Ash Grove, Greene County. On June 17th, 1893, he married one of Dade County's fairest daughters, Miss Ollie M. King, born January 3, 1879, a daughter of John King of Greenfield, Mo., and of whom a complete sketch appears elsewhere. To Mr. and Mrs. McPeak have been born three children, all at home and receiving the advantages of good educations. They are Leonidus Doyle, born April 3rd, 1906; Harmon King, born March 10th, 1909, and Gladys Lavern, born January 17th, 1912. Previous to his father's death, Mr. McPeak received 162 acres of the old homestead, and started farming and stock raising on his own account, his father and mother both making their home at their son's place, and both passed away here. (See sketch of Harman and Emma McPeak.) Lon McPeak has made farming a business and has succeeded. He has added to his holdings until he now owns 210 acres of the very best of Dade County land. His large residence can be seen from miles around, and on this fine farm he raises and feeds much stock, dealing in hogs, cattle and mules. On this place can be found a large 120-ton silo and all modern machinery and conveniences. Besides this farm Mr. McPeak owns 160 acres in southeastern Arkansas. Mr. McPeak is a clean-cut, progressive business man, and everything around his place shows thrift and careful attention. He is a Republican and a good booster for any enterprise for the good of the county. Good roads and good free public schools find in him a firm friend. He has served on the school board. Both Mr. and Mrs. McPeak come from two of our most prominent pioneer families and are among the very best that the county of Dade numbers as its native sons and daughters.

FELIX H. MCGEE.

One of the most prominent and best-known native sons of Dade County is Felix McGee, whose name heads this review. He was born in Dade County on the Nancy A. McGee farm, just east of where he now resides. He was born July 23rd, 1861, the son of Abner H. and Nancy Adaline (Hoyle) McGee. The father was a native of North Carolina, born December 30th, 1820, and died in Greene County March 23rd, 1863, while a prisoner of war at Springfield. His wife, Nancy A., was a native of Tennessee, born November 28th, 1829, and died in Dade County October 17th, 1897. The grandfather of Felix McGee was Daniel McGee, and was among the very early settlers of Dade County, as also was Uncle Peter Hoyle, his maternal grandfather, and of whom more mention is made elsewhere. Felix McGee was the youngest of eight children, as follows: Mary, born February 12th, 1850, married Frank Ragsdale, and is now deceased; Cordelia, born March 17th, 1851, is now Mrs. Cleve Cantrell of Frisco, Tex.; Sarah, born November 17th, 1852, is now Mrs. Thad Lawrence of Portland, Ore.; Alice, born April 24th, 1854, is Mrs. Pete Clardy of McKinney, Tex.; Hoyle, born April 5th, 1858, married Adaline Hurst, and they live in Lockwood, Dade County; Daniel, born in 1857, and David, born in 1860, both dying in infancy. Felix McGee now lives in the heart of what is now known as the McGee Diggins, a prosperous zinc mining camp. His father and Ruben Cantrell had built a line fence of rock, little thinking that they were building out of fine zinc ore, known now as gray silicate. Ore was first discovered on this place in 1775, the earliest date that zinc ore was known to exist in the county. Gray Silicate lay on top of the ground, and was found to exist in large pockets all over this section. The old stone fence built years before was sold, and brought a tidy sum to Mrs. McGee, and the property has since been mined and has netted a large sum. Many mines are being worked now, and the place is a hustling mining camp, the ore being hauled to Everton and Greenfield, where permanent markets are

to be found. Mr. McGee is now the owner of 204 acres, all of which is mining land, and he has 10 acres under mining lease, which is producing in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. McGee was married November 25th, 1885, to Ella F. Wheeler, who was born May 8th, 1868, a daughter of Isaac and Martha (Brown) Wheeler, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively. The father is now deceased, while the wife is living in Dade County on the old home place, which is located directly on the Polk and Dade County line. To Mr. and Mrs. McGee have been born three fine children, as follows: Claude, born September 16th, 1886, married Miss Grace Prater; Leslie, born May 12th, 1890, and Jerlie, born January 15th, 1892, all living at home, and the two sons are engaged in farming and mining on the home place. Mr. McGee and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and he is a member of the W. O. W., while he and his sons are all members of the I. O. O. F. at Dadeville. Mr. McGee is a Democrat in politics, and, while not desiring office of any kind, he is interested in the affairs of the county, and can always be counted upon to give of his means and time to any worthy enterprise that is for the good of the county and its people. A broad-minded and courteous gentleman, he stands in the front rank of our best citizenship, and his name is above reproach in every way. Always honorable in all his dealings, he has earned for himself a reputation second to none, and he and his family are a credit to our county.



GEORGE WILOUGHBY MALLORY.

Starting in life from the humble surroundings of a log cabin in an isolated community, George Wiloughby Mallory has made wonderful strides in winning his way in the world. He was born in Dade County, Missouri, on the 17th day of January, 1853, a son of William Perkins and Margaret (Meeks) Mallory. His father was a native of Kentucky, while his mother was a native of Dade County. They were married in this county. William

P. Mallory came to Dade County when a child with his father, John Mallory, who settled near Antioch church in South Township, where he died long ago. His son, William P. Mallory, was a farmer and raised a family of seven children, six boys and one girl.

George W. Mallory was third in the order of birth, but his father had been previously married, his first wife being Bettie Scott, of the pioneer Scott family, and they had one son, William Jesse.

At the time of his death William P. Mallory was the owner of 107 acres of good land, which is now owned by George W. The log house originally erected on the land is still standing. George W. Mallory has one sister, Tisa Ann, and four brothers, Thomas Wood Mallory, Francis Marion Mallory, James Morgan Mallory and John Miles Mallory, all living in Dade County.

George W. remained at home till the death of his father, in 1882. He was married August 10th, 1884, to Lucy Thomas Jones, who was born July 29th, 1862, a daughter of W. T. and Minta E. Jones.

George W. Mallory and wife are the parents of six children:

- (1) Ila Ellen, born June 24th, 1886.
- (2) Burley Perkins, born December 22nd, 1888.
- (3) Elzie Thomas, born October 7th, 1889.
- (4) Arley, born February 27th, 1893.
- (5) Clayton, born December 2nd, 1894.
- (6) Baby, died in infancy, unnamed.

About the time of his father's death George W. Mallory bought an 80-acre tract of railroad land at \$2.00 per acre.

It is upon this land where his residence now stands. It was raw land, excepting six acres and a small log cabin. By industry and great perseverance he succeeded in making for himself and family a comfortable home. In 1897 he rented the farm and moved to Everton, in order to better educate his children. For seven years he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, first in the grocery and produce business with numerous partners, and finally in

the dry goods business with E. Carander. He finally sold out and returned to the farm. Mr. Mallory had prospered to such a degree that he is now the owner of 395 acres of land all in one body, 300 acres of which is in cultivation, much of it in Turnback bottom. His land is well watered and well improved. He now lives in a comfortable frame residence, surrounded by good outbuildings, and handles annually a large number of hogs and about 30 head of Whiteface cattle.

Mr. Mallory and wife are members of the Christian church at Antioch. He is a Democrat, a member of the W. O. W. lodge at Everton, and has been a member of the school board for six years, and is a member of the town board as well as justice of the peace, on his second term.

Mr. Mallory is one of the substantial farmers of South Township, and enjoys his prosperity with rustic simplicity.

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EDGAR P. MANN.

From the sticks to the stars is a long leap, and one that is seldom attained by mortal man during the span of a single life, yet there are many instances recorded in history where boys have attained positions of prominence late in life after many years of hardship and struggle in rising above obscurity.

Edgar P. Mann was born upon a farm in Warren County, Missouri, April 9th, 1858. His grandfather, Thomas Mann, was born in Burks County, North Carolina, came as a young man to St. Louis in 1812, and afterward settled in Lincoln County, Missouri, in 1815, where he married and where his son, Josiah Mann, was born in 1823. Josiah Mann was married in Warren County, Missouri, to Elizabeth Judith Moore in 1844, to which union eight children were born: Thomas W., died in infancy; Mary J., now the widow of Thomas W. Mahan, lives in Kansas City; Dr. John A., lives in Wellington, Mo.; Joseph B., lives at Leadville, Colo., and is a railroad engineer;

Edgar P., the subject of this sketch; George L., a lawyer, living at Sapulpa, Okla.; Dr. Frank W., lives at Wellington, Mo., and Robert L., a merchant, living at Wellington, Mo.

Elizabeth J. Mann died at Wellington, Mo., in March, 1899, and her husband, Josiah Mann, died at the same place in May, 1905. He was a farmer, and all his family was reared on a farm, all the children being born on the farm in Warren County, Missouri, where the parents settled when they were married, except Robert L., who was born in St. Louis County on a farm. Josiah Mann moved with his family from Warren County to St. Louis County in 1865, arriving there the day after the night of Lincoln's assassination. They moved from the St. Louis County farm to a farm near Wellington, in Lafayette County, Missouri, in December, 1872.

William Moore, the maternal grandfather of Edgar P. Mann, married Eleanor Gravelly, both natives of Virginia, and emigrated from Henry County, Virginia, to Warren County, Missouri, in 1840, and settled upon a farm near Warrenton, the county seat. William Moore died there in 1858, and his widow, Eleanor Moore, died at the home of Josiah Mann in Lafayette County in 1890. They had one son, who died soon after reaching majority, and six daughters, all of whom married and settled in Missouri, as have all the descendants of both the Mann and Moore families, with few exceptions.

Edgar P. Mann, when 7 years of age, moved with his parents from Warren County to a farm in St. Louis County, and at the age of 14 years moved with them to a farm in Lafayette County, Missouri, where he grew to maturity. He received his education in the common schools, the graded school at Wellington, Mo., and afterward attended the State Normal School at Warrensburg, Mo. He taught school three years in Lafayette County, and was for one year principal of the schools at Wellington. Desiring to become a lawyer, he moved to Lexington, Mo., where he entered the law office of John S. Blackwell, a leading lawyer of that place, as well as of Central

Missouri, during which time he did clerical work in the various county offices to pay his way while pursuing his law studies. He was admitted to the bar before Hon. John P. Strother, Circuit Judge, at Lexington, Mo., December 21st, 1881, after three years of study, during all of which time he was permitted to, and did, practice in the Probate Court and tried cases in the justices' courts all over Lafayette County, and was required by his preceptor to draw all his pleadings and instructions in civil cases, and the indictments found by the Grand Jury, as well as all legal papers drawn in the office, without using any forms to go by, it being his preceptor's theory that such practice was important in obtaining a legal education. The result was that when Mr. Mann was admitted to the bar he was able to draw, without the aid of any kind of form, any legal conveyance then in use and any form of pleading used in court procedure. After his admission to the bar he remained for a while in the office of Mr. Blackwell, then agreed to become one of a party of young men to emigrate to Tacoma, Wash., but after severing his relations with Mr. Blackwell he was persuaded by his mother to remain in Missouri. In looking over Southwest Missouri for a location to practice, on recommendation of Judge D. P. Stratton he came to Greenfield August 28th, 1883, and the next day moved into an office on the east side of the square with Captain Alfred Kennedy, and began his legal career. In October, 1884, he formed a partnership with Judge Mason Talbutt, a pioneer attorney of Greenfield, which continued till January 1st, 1901. At that time Mr. Mann received the appointment of District Attorney for the K. C., Ft. S. & M. Railroad Company, and moved to Springfield to fill that position and also to engage in the general practice of law. That company sold to the Frisco September 1st following, and Mr. Mann was offered the position of General Attorney for the Frisco, with offices in St. Louis, which offer he refused, remaining in Springfield and engaging in the general practice until February, 1904, when he was again appointed District Attorney by the Frisco company, which





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position he still holds, in addition to his general practice in the law firm of Mann, Todd & Mann.

Mr. Mann has also been active in civic affairs since going to Springfield. He is now president of the Springfield Club, chairman of the board of trustees of the Young Woman's Christian Association, an elder in the Calvary Presbyterian church, director in and general attorney for the United Iron Works Company, and a director in the Springfield Grocery Company. Fraternally Mr. Mann has attained the Knights Templar degree in Masonry, and is also an Odd Fellow.

Edgar P. Mann was married in Greenfield, Mo., on the 2nd day of June, 1887, to Mary Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Captain S. S. and Margaret A. Clark. To this union were born two children:

(1) Frank Clark Mann, born in Greenfield, Mo., September 2nd, 1888, educated at Rolla and at the State University at Columbia law department, and is now a partner in his father's office at Springfield. He was married to Marjorie Potts of Boone County, Missouri and they have two children: Edgar P., born October 28th, 1914, and Mary Marjorie, born November 4th, 1916.

(2) Mildred, born at Greenfield, Mo., March 31st, 1891, married to John F. McGregor, secretary of the McGregor-Noe Hardware Company of Springfield.

In politics Mr. Mann is a Democrat, and the only office he ever held was that of mayor of the city of Greenfield, elected on a Citizens' ticket for two successive terms, and was also a member of the school board. Was never a voluntary candidate for any office, but always took an active part in every political campaign, either as a platform speaker or member of the executive committee. He served as a member of the Democratic State Committee from 1895 to 1898, and was presidential elector for the Sixth Congressional District in 1900.

Notwithstanding his many successes, Mr. Mann is still a plain man, whose heart and sympathy is with the common people. He takes great delight in recalling the many pleasant experiences connected with his early life

in Greenfield. In conversation recently with the writer of this sketch, when his personal career was being discussed and his many legal victories recounted, Mr. Mann, in his very modest way, used language something like this:

“If I were writing my own history, trying to characterize my professional record accurately, I would lay no emphasis upon the amount of big litigation that I have been engaged in or upon any notable victories I have won in the courts, nor upon the fact that I have attained some reputation as a corporate lawyer. The legal work that I would point to, if asked to designate the thing I am proudest of, is my record as attorney for the little old Greenfield & Northern Railroad Company when I was a young, inexperienced lawyer. Relying entirely upon my own resources and without consulting with anyone else, I became attorney for the proposed Greenfield & Northern Railroad and drew its original charter and all of the amendments thereto, and condemned its right-of-way and depot grounds, wrote its bonds and wrote the deed of trust securing the same. I wrote its construction contracts. I attended to all of its title deeds and decrees in court vesting the title in the corporation to that and other property. I wrote the record of its corporate meetings, its board of directors, and all of the resolutions and everything; and, in fact, did all of the legal work in connection with it during its entire existence as an independent corporation, and during that period attended to all of its litigation in court. When that road was bought by the old Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis Railroad Company, Mr. Miller, its owner, was informed by General Nettleton, president of the purchasing road, and Wallace Pratt, its general counsel, that the deal could not be consummated for several months by reason of the fact that he had had a young, inexperienced country lawyer do his legal work, which involved the very right of the corporation to exist, and the title to all of its property and the validity of its bonds; that they were sure, in consequence, that the work had been done wrong, and that it would have to be done over again. I sent them the complete

records in my possession belonging to the legal department of the Greenfield & Northern, and Mr. Miller sent them the rest. In one week's time they called us to Kansas City ready to take the property over and pay for it without the dotting of an 'i' or the crossing of a "t." Mr. Pratt and Mr. Nettleton stated that this was the only absolutely perfect railroad record they had ever seen, and stated that if the records of the old Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Railroad had been kept with the same accuracy and the same painstaking degree of care devoted to all of its organization work, the company would have been saved many thousands of dollars. And Mr. Pratt, the general solicitor, then and there stated to me that if I would take it he would give me the first vacancy on his staff of attorneys for the railroad, and that was the beginning of my career as a railroad attorney. I speak of this as an illustration of the fact that in my judgment whatever degree of success I have made as a lawyer has been the result of hard work and painstaking care, rather than of the possession of any degree of ability above the ordinary."

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JAMES S MARSHALL.

Who, among our citizenship, is due more honor and praise than the man or woman who devotes years to the teaching of our young? To successfully take this great work upon one's shoulders means more than being merely educated; it means a great devotion to the cause, and requires a tact that when it is in evidence is almost uncanny. All honor to our teachers, who receive all too little for their precious services and devotion. Such a one was James S. Marshall during his teaching career among us of over twenty years. Twenty years he spent in starting our future citizens on the road to usefulness. who can estimate the value of his work, and the good he has done for the young of this county? James S. Marshall is a native of Cedar County, Missouri, born December 23, 1868, a son of John Marshall and Mary M. McCon-

nell, his wife, natives of West Virginia and Virginia, respectively. Mary McConnell was brought to Dade County when a very small child by her parents, more extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere in this work. John Marshall was in the prime of life when he came to Dade County, just prior to the Civil war. He enlisted in the Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry and served his country with valor for about four years. After the war he engaged in farming, in which he was successful, and at the time of his death, October 23rd, 1913, he owned 156 acres of good land in Sac Township, Dade County, where his widow now resides. They had seven children, of whom James S. was the oldest. The others are: Rob't A., a business man of Greenfield; J. W. and W. H., both farmers of Dade County; one sister, Ella, married George Jones, and died leaving one child, Mabel, who is married to Troy Johnson, a farmer of Sac Township. Another sister died in early life, unmarried. John Marshall was a highly respected citizen. He was a Republican in politics, a member of the G. A. R. and a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. James S. Marshall received his education in the public schools of Dade County and studied for two years in the Dadeville Academy, and started teaching at the age of 22 years. In all, he has devoted 20 years of his life to this commendable work. He taught at Greenfield one year, Carlock district one year, Sand Mountain two years, Flint Hill and Jones districts one year each, then for seven years at the Speight School, following this with five years in the Cave district, one year at Shady Grove, and his last two years in the Stockton District. That he was proficient in his work goes without saying. During this time he was saving of his money, and was able to buy him a farm of 80 acres in Sac Township. He never made his home on this, however, but he kept it for eight years and in 1906 he sold this tract and bought 60 acres of improved land in South Morgan Township, where he now lives. This farm is on the main Greenfield and Dadeville road, and is well improved and all in cultivation and equipped

with good buildings. In 1912 he built a new residence, cutting the timber and building the building with his own hands. He carries on a deal of stock raising, raising good horses and the Poland-China hogs. Mr. Marshall was married March 18th, 1896, to Miss Alice Rainey, who was born in Howell County, Missouri, October 29th, 1875, a daughter of Enos and Amanda (Northington) Rainey, both natives of Tennessee, where they were married, and came to Missouri at an early day, settling in Howell County, near West Plains, where he died about 1878. The mother came to Dade County, bringing her three daughters, in 1878, and settled in South Morgan Township. She raised her three girls, who are all living and married, besides Mrs. Marshall. Minnie married Elisha Dodson and lives in Oregon County, Missouri, and Matilda is the wife of R. W. Smith of Monett, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have been born five children, all of whom are at home and receiving the advantages of good educations. They are, in order of birth: Cleo, born December 21st, 1897; Kyle, born February 21st, 1901; Rainey, born March 21st, 1904; Ralph, born March 26, 1909; Blanche, born September 21st, 1913. Mr. Marshall has always been a staunch Democrat, has served as township assessor for two years, and was appointed postmaster at Dadeville on July 4th, 1914, which position he now holds and fills with entire satisfaction to the citizens of Dadeville. Mr. Marshall is a member of Twilight lodge No. 103, I. O. O. F., and the W. O. W. at Dadeville. Of the progressive thinkers of the county Mr. Marshall is in the first rank. Finely educated, popular and of pleasing personality, he numbers his friends by the hundreds in all parts of the county. He is a broad-minded gentleman, a booster for good roads and free public schools, liberal with his time and money for all worthy undertakings for the good of the county and state. A man living a clean life and setting an example it is well for our young people to follow. So say we, all of us.

THOMAS J. MASSEY.

Born in Laclede County, Missouri, July 19th, 1864, son of Henry and Amanda (Robertson) Massey. His father was born in Tennessee and died in 1904 at the age of 83 years. The Masseys were early settlers in Tennessee, and followed farming. Henry was a veterinary surgeon and came with his family to Missouri in 1837 and squatted on a piece of government land. A short time before the Civil war he settled in Laclede County, where he homesteaded a tract of land and built a log cabin, in which he lived while he improved the land. For some two years previous to the war he was a resident of Dade County, where his first two children were born. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in a cavalry regiment in the Union army and served three and one-half years. He received a sabre wound at the battle of Chattanooga. At the close of the war he returned to his Missouri farm, where he lived and prospered. He handled considerable live stock and enjoyed a large clientele as a veterinary surgeon. He was a member of the G. A. R. and voted the Democratic ticket all his life.

Amanda (Robertson) Massey was a native of Indiana, and died in 1912, at the age of 76 years. She was of German ancestry, a member of the M. E. church and the mother of 12 children.

Thomas J. Massey was raised on a farm, and attended country schools and high school at Hartville, Wright County, Missouri. He read medicine at home and entered Old Northwestern Medical College at St. Joseph, Mo., in 1888, and graduated in 1891. Previous to his graduation, however, in 1889, he hung out his shingle at Duncan, Webster County, and remained there eight years. From there he went to Hartville, and after practicing one year came to Lockwood. This last move was made in 1899. Dr. Massey is now considered one of the leading physicians in Southwest Missouri, having a large and ever-increasing practice. In 1905 he took a post-graduate course at the Polyclinic Institute of Chicago.

Dr. Massey has prospered financially as well as professionally. He now owns a 160-acre farm in Grant Township, and 80 acres in Smith Township, a half interest in the Massey & Smith drug business in Lockwood, and is a stockholder in the Allen-Pheiffer Chemical Company of St. Louis. In addition to this, he has one of the finest homes in Lockwood.

He was married in 1889 to Miss Mabelle Saylor, who was born in Douglass County, Illinois, in 1867, a daughter of Allen and Lydia (Daniels) Saylor. Mr. Saylor was a farmer. Both are now deceased. Dr. Massey and wife were the parents of two children, only one of whom is now living:

(1) Pearne, born in Webster County in 1891, and died in Dade County January 8th, 1914.

(2) Ruby, born in Webster County August 1st, 1894, and is a clerk in his father's drug store.

Dr. Massey and wife are members of the Baptist church. He is a member of the local lodges of Masons and Odd Fellows, a member of the Dade County Medical Association and a Democrat.

No field of activity in life offers greater opportunity than the medical profession to develop the best there is in a man. It tries a man's courage, his patience and his conscience. Dr. Massey has demonstrated the fact that he possesses all three of the above medical graces. He has given the best of his life and his service to the poor, as well as the rich, and charity patients have received the same conscientious treatment as the millionaire.

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ERNEST L. MAXWELL.

Among the highly successful and enterprising farmers of Dade county we must mention Ernest L. Maxwell of South Morgan township. Mr. Maxwell is a native of Dade County having been born here March 23, 1869 a son of Henry C. Maxwell and Catherine (Woody) Maxwell is a native of Illinois and was brought here by his parents at an early day. His father Bluford Maxwell settled in

eastern Dade County where they took up land and prospered and spent their lives here, both are deceased and are buried in Polk county, Mo. Ernest Maxwell's mother Catherine Woody was a daughter of James Calvin and Elizabeth (Alexander) Woody, a pioneer family of Dade county; a more complete history of the Woody family may be found in the sketch of John Woody, a brother of Mrs. Maxwell.

Ernest Maxwell was the only child of his parents, at an early age he went to live with his grandfather Woody and stayed with him until he was twenty-one years of age, the last year he received a share of the crops and it was then that he married and started out for himself. He first rented 80 acres of land making a good crop the first year, he continued to rent land for some seven years at different places in Dade county but in 1897 bought 210 acres in Sac township, known as the old Grisham farm which he improved greatly and stayed there about nine years, then rented the old Woody place, all the time getting ahead in better shape so in 1910,, having sold his Sac township farm, bought 330 acres in South Morgan township, where he now lives. This place had been rented for years and was in a rundown condition but Mr. Maxwell was just the man to put this fine place back in shape. He went to work with his usual energy and skill, fenced and cross fenced it, built a fine large barn and improved the house and generally put things in first class shape. He now has one of the very best farms in Dade County, 280 acres in a fine state of cultivation and 50 acres of fine timber. There is no doubt but that a large body of ore will be found on this place as it lays close to Corey where the best zinc mines in the country are located. Mr. Maxwell does general farming and stock raising, is progressive in every way, he has found that alfalfa is a good crop on his land and he also believes in sheep as money makers. He now has a fine flock of 45 head which have a great deal more than paid their way and Mr. Maxwell is proud of the fact that he has raised this flock from a pair of sheep given him by his father-in-law



ISOM A. YOUNG AND FAMILY.



DR. R. M. CRUTCHER AND WIFE.

at the time of his marriage. Mr. Maxwell is a large breeder of Whiteface cattle. He now has four registered heffers and one male "Weldon Success," No. 548418.

Mr. Maxwell is also a large feeder of hogs, getting ready for market two to three carload a year. He has an ideal stock farm, has plenty of good water furnished by springs and wells as well as a good spring branch.

Mr. Maxwell was married November 11, 1890 to Miss Eva A. Clabough, who was born in Dade county, August 6th, 1874, a daughter of James M. and Barbara (Grisham) Clabough, both of whom were natives of Dade county and came of pioneer families. Both are now deceased and a more complete record may be found elsewhere in this volume.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maxwell have been born four children, the record of this family is as follows: Gilbert L., born January 6th, 1892 and married Lucy McPeak and they live in South Morgan township and have one child, James Lowell, born October 25th, 1916; Flora, born January 27th, 1894 and married Elmer T. McConnell, a farmer of Sac township and they have two children, Christine, born March 25th, 1914 and Jona Gale, born November 13, 1916, Josephine, born July 8th, 1916, and Eunice, born August 21st, 1907, both at home and attending school.

Mr. Maxwell is a republican and active in his party, he has served on the school board for many years and has never shirked his duty to his county or state in any way, he is one of our leading citizens, always ready to lend a hand to any enterprise for the good of all the county, he is active in the interests of good roads and free public schools, in short, he is the type of citizen that we need more of, he has been very successful in a financial way but it can be said of him that his success has been won by strictly fair dealing and his untiring energy and attention to business.

May many of our young men, just starting out to win their way in the world, take notice of what may be accomplished by close application and honesty in all things and by following these principles, as Mr. Maxwell has done, that success is surely theirs.

FRED C. MEYERS.

Was born on the 21st day of April, 1851, near Bremen, Germany, son of Henry Meyers and Minnie (Erd-sieck) Meyers, both natives of Germany and were married there. They were farmers. His father came to Illinois about 1854 and the mother with Fred, a boy of about four years came a year later. They located in Quincy where the father followed the milling business for ten years after which he purchased a farm in Adams county of 120 acres and moved there where he farmed for 12 years and retired, turning the farm over to his youngest son. His first wife died about the year 1863 after which he married Minnie Niecamp, who died about 1870. Henry Meyers died in 1904.

Fred C. Meyers is the oldest of a family of four children, being the only one born in Germany. All are dead except himself and brother Henry Meyers who lives near Greenfield. There were four children of the second marriage, two of whom are living: Carrie, now Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, of Quincy, Ill., and Kate, now Mrs. Edward Bleibtren of St. Louis.

Mr. Meyers was raised on a farm in Illinois and remained there until 22 years of age when he came to St. Louis and engaged in the nursery business. He followed this occupation three years when he was employed by the famous General William Harney to take charge of his ranch in Franklin county, Mo. He worked on this ranch for three years. On the 4th day of July, 1876, during the Centennial year, he was married to Miss Kate Huffman, born May 24th, 1857 in Beaver county, Penn., daughter of Presley and Sarah (Moore) Huffman. Her parents were married in Ohio, her father being a native of Pennsylvania while her mother was a native of Ohio. They were farmers and came to Missouri in 1866 and settled on a farm in Franklin County, Mo. Her father died in 1875. He was a Union soldier and died from effects of injuries received in the service. Her mother still lives on the old homestead in Franklin county.

After the death of her father, Mrs. Meyers' mother re-married again to Louis Schade of Franklin county. He is now deceased. Mrs. Meyers was 5th in point of birth of a family of nine children that grew to maturity. George, Ernest and Jesse Huffman are residents of Kansas, Adaline, now Mrs. John Davis, resides at Palestine, Ohio. Lottie, now Mrs. Wm. P. Patterson also lives at Palestine. Harvey resides in Illinois while Lou, now Mrs. Thomas Manion lives in Franklin County, Mo., on the old homestead.

Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Meyers bought an 80 acre improved farm in Franklin county and went to farming. He remained on this farm four years, sold out and moved to Dade county in 1881. He settled on a tract of 240 acres, two and one-half miles north of Greenfield. They were renters on this land for seven years but by industry and frugality they became able to buy the entire tract, which was known as the Bell farm.

At this time the farm was in a run-down condition but Mr. and Mrs. Meyers set about to beautify and improve it. The residence was a hewed log house in which they lived for 23 years and in which all but two of their children were born. While the house was rough and unseemly on the exterior, all within was neat and clean and the lawn was a perfect bower of beauty, being filled with ornamental trees and in summer with fragrant flowers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Meyers were fond of plants and shrubs and the Meyers home took on the appearance of a floral garden or city park by reason of its arborial adornment. In 1904 Mr. Meyers erected a splendid 8-room, frame dwelling house with modern conveniences.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers are the parents of seven children, the first two being born in Franklin county, Mo., and the remaining five in Dade county:

(1) Henry, born April 5th, 1877, is now a farmer in Jasper county, Mo.

(2) William, born December 10th, 1880, married Ella Barker, a native of Dade county. He is a farmer and stock man. They have four children.

(3) Minnie M., born March 9th, 1884, married Charles Gass, a Dade county farmer. They have three children.

(4) Lulu B., born July 1st, 1886, married James J. McConnell a fruit and truck farmer of Jasper county, Mo. They have two children.

(5) Charles E., born November 25th, 1892, married Edna Owens, a native Dade County girl. They have one child.

(6) Edwin F., born December 18th, 1894, married Gertrude Shaw a native of Dade county, and they are now living on the Meyers homestead and engaged in farming.

(7) Lewis, born February 25th, 1900. Is at home farming with his brother Edwin.

Having two sons capable of managing the farming operations, Mr. Meyers is living in partial retirement. However he maintains a superintending control over the farming and stock-raising enterprises on the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a Republican in politics but has never desired or sought an office. He is a progressive, public-spirited, industrious man with home building and home beautifying tendencies. The Meyers farm has long been one of the show places in Dade County, noted for the beauty of its evergreens and roses. Many social fetes and entertainments have been held on the spacious lawn and many clubs and societies are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Meyers for their unstinted hospitality. Their farm is one of the best in the county and the home is an ideal one from every point of view.

CHARLES B. MEYERS.

Deceased.

Charles B. Meyers was born in Richland County, O., January 22, 1830. He was taken by his father to Vermillion County, Ill., when a lad where he grew to manhood and later moved to Washington County, Iowa. He

was first married to Miss Susan Pierce who died in 1862. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Co. B., 2nd Kansas and was discharged at Fort Smith, Ark., June 22nd and came to Dade county in 1866 where he was a successful farmer and married here, Miss Sarah A. Cox of South Greenfield who was born February 19th, 1843, the marriage took place February 24th, 1867 and to this union five children were born as follows: Susie, born January 29th, 1868, is now Mrs. Thomas Gilispie of Dade county; Lillie died in infancy; Beatrice Joie, born October 8th, 1876 married Arthur Cotter and died leaving three children, John and Batie and Elma; Charles B. a farmer of Dade county and who was born June 27th, 1883 and married Minnie Wilhite who was born November 6th, 1885, a daughter of Charles and Luella (Hurst) Wilhite. The Wilhites were very early settlers of Polk County, Mo. Mr. Meyers has a nice farm of 111 acres and on which he has built a fine new house. He raises considerable stock and is fast building up a good dairy herd. Mr. Meyers and wife have two bright children named as follows: Myron Leon, born September 5th, 1907 and Joie Ruhame, born October 17th, 1912. Mr. Meyers is an up-to-date farmer, he is a booster for good roads and free public schools. His wife is a member of the Baptist church while he is a member of the W. O. W.

Mrs. Sarah Meyers, the widow of Uncle Charlie Meyers is living in her fine little home in Everton and a more pleasant and kindly Christian lady cannot be found anywhere. It is a pleasure to meet and talk with her and one goes away from a visit to her home impressed with the goodness of life in general and with a desire to follow more closely, the straight and narrow path. Mrs. Meyers is a sister of our late departed beloved fellow citizen Uncle Sam Cox and to whose complete sketch we would refer the reader for the record of the Cox family of whom Aunt Sarah Meyers is an honored member.

THOMAS ALEXANDER MILLER.

The family to which the gentlemen whose name appears above may be said to be, literally, one of the very first in Southwest Missouri, for it was his grandfather, Bird Miller who came to Greene County in the early thirties, and entered one hundred and sixty acres in the northwest part of that territory which afterwards became the City of Springfield, Missouri. A part of this old Miller farm is now one of the beautiful parks of Springfield, and the lake upon that park is fed from the never-failing Miller Spring. Here too for many years stood the Springfield woolen mills, now removed to make way for the park and public play grounds.

Eldrige Boyd Miller and Mary Smith (Ellison) Miller the parents of Thomas A. Miller were born in the state of Tennessee, and came to Southwest Missouri with their parents. Eldridge B. Miller was a farmer and spent much of his life at that business in Dade County Missouri. He was a man of exceptional firmness and integrity of character. Mary S. Miller was a patient Christian woman and loved by all who knew her.

To Eldrige Miller and wife there was born a family of twelve children of whom eight are still living, viz: Mary F. Daughtrey at Springfield; Virginia E. Gilmore at Carthage; William L. Miller at South Greenfield; Thomas A. Miller our subject; Louanza P. Bowman, near Carthage; Mrs. Bird Swift of Golden City, Barton County; Mrs. Ida F. Scott of Colorado and E. Boyd Miller long connected with the Frisco Railroad as a passenger conductor.

The first wife of Eldridge Miller died in Dade County in 1870 and Mr. Miller married as his second wife Mrs. Narcissus McConnell. To this marriage were born two children, Charles I. Miller and Clarence Miller of Dade County.

Eldridge Miller died in Dade County in 1872.

Thomas A. Miller, the seventh child of a large family, was born in a log cabin on his father's farm near Greenfield, Missouri on the 25th of July, 1858. His mother died

when he was twelve years old and his father died when he was fourteen. He afterwards lived with his sisters until he became of age.

His boyhood days were spent on the farm and at school for three months of each year.

The early influences of a good father and mother, together with the teaching and example of a good school teacher laid the foundation of character which developed in after years into sterling manhood. To these early influences Mr. Miller attributes whatever success he has attained in after years. Mr. Miller attended, first, a subscription school taught by Mrs. Mary McFarland near Greenfield. This was the only school taught during the Civil war in Southwest Missouri. Many would have gone through life without any sort of education had it not been for this sainted woman who has long since gone to her reward. When the public schools reopened after the Civil war he attended them and for a while was a student at Mrs. Garretts Female seminary and ended his school days at Ozark College, but has been a zealous student all his life.

Before leaving school he began his business career in 1879. His capital amounted to \$425.00 received from his father's estate. He started in the lumber business with his brother-in-law Captain George W. Gilmore, under the firm name of Gilmore and Miller. At that time they had to haul their pine lumber from Nevada, Mo., a distance of fifty miles. Before the end of a year, Mr. Miller bought out his partner and continued the business in his own name until 1885 when the business was incorporated as the T. A. Miller Lumber Company and one half the capital stock was sold to Mr. S. K. Martin of Chicago, a friend and benefactor.

During this same year Mr. Miller incorporated the Greenfield Railroad Company and built the line from South Greenfield to Greenfield. Greenfield was and is the County seat of Dade County and General Geo. H. Nettleton in building the Kansas City Ft. Scott and Memphis Railroad, for some unaccountable reason cruelly left the town about

three miles away. To save his town from desertion and decay, Mr. Miller with the help of a donation of \$8,000.00 made by the good people of the town built the road that has ever since served the town and community. In the year 1888 the charter of the Greenfield Railroad Company was amended and the name changed to the Greenfield and Northern Railroad Company and an effort was made to extend the line to Stockton, the county seat of Cedar county. But owing to the powerful opposition of large financial interests the work was abandoned and in the year 1899 Mr. Miller began building the road to Mt. Vernon, the county seat of Lawrence county. With the aid of a donation of \$23,000.00 by the good people of Mt. Vernon and Lawrence County he completed the line to Mt. Vernon in the spring of 1890. In the year 1892 Mr. Miller sold a five sixth interest in the property to a syndicate of St. Louis capitalists who immediately extended the line to Aurora with the aid of a donation of \$30,000.00 made by the good citizens of Aurora and its friends. It is a monument to the perseverance and energy of Mr. Miller that the road was built, and he was the promoter and builder and equipped and operated it for several years during which time the country was afflicted with financial panics and political agitation. It was a truly hazardous venture, and proved to be very costly both on his time and money but he performed a real service to the community. The road was sold to the Kansas City Ft. Scott and Memphis Railroad Company in 1895 and Mr. Miller accepted service with that company as commercial agent, but resigned in 1897 and bought out his associates and again entered actively into the lumber business in which he has been engaged for nearly thirty-eight years. He now owns ten branches and manufactures his own stock of lumber at his mill in the state of Arkansas. He is the president of the Aurora Lumber and Manufacturing Co., a director in the Majestic Milling Company and the principal stockholder of the Bank of Bower Mills.

Mr. Miller is thoroughly imbued with the better civic spirit, believing the best patriot is the man who loves his



JACOB EIRSMAN AND WIFE.

town. While he lived in Greenfield he helped to build and was part owner of the best brick block ever erected in that town. He built the first brick building in the town of Miller and which town bears his name. He built the fine stone court house at Mt. Vernon and as a monument to his honesty he did not make one cent of profit. He helped to build the best ward school building in the City of Aurora while a member of the school board in 1907. He helped to organize and build the Peoples Sewer System for the sole benefit of the health of the community. In fact he has had business interests in more than twenty towns of Southwest Missouri in which there are evidences of his civic spirit.

Mr. Miller has never sought public office although he to Miss Clara Belle Jopes of Greenfield, Mo., a daughter of William H. Jopes. Mrs. Miller was one of five children of whom two besides herself are living. Miss Harriet F. and Samuel W. Jopes, both of Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of two daughters; Mary Kate, now Mrs. Louis S. Coleman, has two children; Miller Louis, aged seven, and Louis Shaw, Jr., aged five. The second daughter, Lois Laura, is the wife of Eugene J. McNatt, the present prosecuting attorney of Lawrence county. They have one daughter, Rosemary, aged four years. All live at Aurora.

Mr. Miler has never sought public office although he has always taken an active interest in political affairs and gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He was a delegate to the state conventions that nominated Governors Frances and Folk. He was elected an alderman while he lived at Greenfield in 1881 and the very first thing he did was to have the city take over the care of the cemetery and started improvements which resulted in the best kept cemetery of any town in the state for its size. Soon after he moved to Aurora, Mo., in 1892 he was elected for two terms chairman of the Democratic County Committee and soon after a member of the school board and in 1915 was elected mayor under commission form of government and is giving his city a modern progressive

business administration. His ambition in life has been to succeed rather than make money. He gives liberally of his means to all worthy causes and has helped many young men to get a start in life. He is a Mason and an Elk and belongs with his good wife and children to the Presbyterian church.

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WILLIAM L. MILLER.

Born in Greenfield, Mo., January 19th, 1852, a son of Eldridge B. Miller, a native of Bedford County, Tenn., born February 16, 1819 and died September 5, 1873. He was of Irish descent, a farmer by occupation and came to Missouri with his parents when a lad. They settled near "Miller Springs" in Greene county, near Springfield and are buried there. Eldridge came to Dade County when a small boy, being apprenticed to a blacksmith of whom Eldridge learned his trade. He followed this occupation in Greenfield and afterwards opened a shop on a farm he bought in Center Township. Eventually he became a successful farmer and stock raiser and at the time of his death owned a farm of about 400 acres. During the civil war he was a sympathizer with the South, though a non-combatant, and was frequently taken prisoner by the Federal soldiers. In some way he always managed to escape and make his way back home. He died upon his farm in Dade County.

The mother of William L. Miller was Mary S. (Ellison) Miller who was born in Bedford County, Tenn., February 8, 1826 and died September 20, 1870. Her parents were very early settlers of Missouri who came from Bedford County, Tenn., and located near Springfield, Greene county on a farm. After the death of her father, her mother married Alexander Patterson.

Mary S. (Ellison) Miller was the mother of 12 children, all of them living to maturity:

(1) Mary F., married J. M. Daughtrey, of Springfield. She now resides with her son at Springfield, Mo., She was the mother of two boys.

(2) Alma (now deceased) married J. A. Thurman, a merchant at Greenfield.

(3) Virginia, married Captain G. W. Gilmore, a veteran of the civil war on the Union side. He now resides in Carthage, a retired capitalist.

(4) William L. Miller.

(5) George Washington (now deceased).

(6) Franklin (now deceased).

(7) Thomas A., Lumber merchant and mayor of the city of Aurora. Builder of the Greenfield & Northern railroad.

(8) Eldridge B. (commonly called Boyd) lives at Aurora. Is conductor on the Aurora branch of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, built by his brother, Thomas A. He has been in this position since the road was constructed.

(9) Luanza, married W. H. Bowman, a farmer of Jasper county.

(10) Bird, married A. A. Swift, a merchant at Golden City, Mo.

(11) Ida, married J. R. Scott, a Colorado farmer.

(12) Maude (now deceased).

After the death of his first wife, Eldridge B. Miller married Narcissa McConnell, a half-sister to his first wife. Her parents were early settlers in Morgan township. By this union there were two boys:

(1) Charles I., living in Missouri.

(2) Clarence, resides in Morgan Township.

William L. Miller was raised on a farm, attended the common schools of the county, and two years in high school in Greenfield. He farmed up to 1901 when he went into a dry goods store as clerk in South Greenfield. In 1909 his brother, Thomas A. Miller, opened up a lumber yard in South Greenfield and placed the same in charge of William L., which position he still holds.

William L. Miller was married to Sarah E. Cates in 1875. She was a native of Dade county, having been born in Greenfield in 1850, and died in 1899. She was a daughter of Newell and Mary Cates. Her father was a saddler,

and came from North Carolina to Greenfield while the county seat was yet in its infancy.

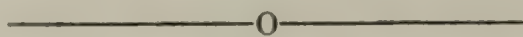
Mrs. Miller was a member of the M. E. Church and the mother of three children:

(1) Newell, a railroader by occupation, on the Frisco, resides at Joplin. Has one child, Claude.

(2) Mary C., married F. C. Hair, a rural mail carrier out of South Greenfield. They have one child, William.

(3) Frankie, died at the age of 10 years.

William L. Miller married for his second wife, Irene Bryant, who was born in Illinois, a daughter of Paul and Rebecca Bryant, who came to Dade County and settled in Grant township. No children were born of this marriage. She is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Miller is a Democrat in politics, active in every branch of business which he undertakes, is public spirited and progressive, and is regarded as one of the substantial business men of his community. Fraternally, he is an Odd Fellow with membership at South Greenfield.



JOHN MARTIN MILLER.

A man of culture and learning, well versed in the ways of the world, rich in the remembrance of many pleasant experiences but in whose garden the "Golden Apples of Hesperides" never ripened. John Martin Miller was born in Warren county, N. J., August 26th, 1839, son of Joseph and Sarah (Glassner) Miller, the former being a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1793 and the latter a native of N. J. in which state they were married. Andrew Miller, the grand father of John M. Miller was born about the year 1763 and his grandmother Eve (Walter) Miller were of Holland parentage, though both were born in this country. Their ancestry came to this country from Holland about 1710 and there were many descendents, some of whom were soldiers in the Revolutionary war.

Joseph Miller died in New Jersey in 1872, and his wife Sarah having died in the same state in 1851. Joseph

Miller had been previously married and had raised a family by his first wife.

John Martin Miller was raised on a farm and remained at home until 25 years of age. He received a good education and recalls the fact that as early as 1856 Latin, Algebra, surveying and even philosophy and astronomy were taught in the common schools. In 1864 he emigrated westward, landing in the state of Illinois where he worked out on various farms. He had but little money and was in search of cheap land for a home. After a short time he went from Whiteside County, Ills., to Iowa where he worked out, taught school but finding land beyond his means went still further west into Nebraska where he took up a homestead. This was in 1865 when Nebraska was still a territory and thousands of acres were still unoccupied. He proved up on 80 acres in eastern Nebraska, built a log house and remained on it for a few years but was compelled to abandon it by reason of flood waters from the Platte River. In 1867 he took passage by boat and came to St. Joseph, Mo., with nothing in the way of worldly goods. He finally worked his way to Hamilton, Caldwell county, where he worked out for a time. During these years of financial stress he had never asked assistance from home, although his father was well to do. After a strenuous career at Hamilton he finally secured money for his use and bought different small tracts of land adjoining the city of Hamilton, upon one of which he laid out an addition and sold it out at considerable profit. During these years he farmed and dealt in real estate in a small way and prospered.

In February 1870 he was married to Mollie Burnside who died about the year 1876 leaving one child, Mae, who is now Mrs. William Mann, living in Lockwood township.

His second marriage took place November 2nd, 1878 to Miss Virginia Miles, who was born in West Virginia, March 5th, 1845, daughter of James and Catherine (Mace) Miles, who came to Missouri in 1858. Her father died in West Virginia and her mother re-married, to Samuel Smith and they came to Caldwell county, Mo., in 1858. He

died the first year but she survived him until 1881, when she died at the home of John M. Miller in Golden City, Mo.

Mr. Miller remained at Hamilton about 10 years when in 1877 he emigrated to Harper county, Kansas, and took up a homestead of 160 acres. Here for a period of three years he enjoyed real frontier life. Times were hard and crops poor, so that in order to earn a livelihood it became necessary for him to haul buffalo bones and wood seventy miles. Three years of this kind of life satisfied his longing for the frontier, so that in 1880 he made final proof on his homestead and came to Golden City, Barton county, Mo., and bought a 10-acre fruit and truck farm in the edge of the city. He remained here until 1897 when he exchanged this 10-acre tract for about 100 acres of partly improved land one mile south of South Greenfield. During his 20 years residence in Dade county he has made numerous improvements on his original purchase.

To his last marriage there have been born two children:

(1) James Irving, born September 11th, 1879, married a Miss Gray of Oregon where he now resides.

(2) George W., born April 18th, 1883, married Carrie Merrick, who was a native of Dade county. There is one child, Ernest Dale. George W. Miller is a prominent business man of South Greenfield, an active member of the Odd Fellow and Woodmen lodges.

John M. Miller is a member of the Presbyterian church while his wife holds membership in the Baptist denomination. He is a Republican in politics and in an early day was prominent in the business circles of Hamilton, Missouri. He has made a special study of astronomy and takes great delight in literary and scientific subjects.

MORRIS MILLER.

Was born in Madison County, Indiana, January 24th, 1857, son of David and Mary Ann (Gilbert) Miller. His father was born December 11th, 1816, in Clermont County, Ohio, while his mother was born December 16th of the

same year in Pasquatunk County, North Carolina. They were married in Madison County, Indiana, in May, 1856.

David Miller was of English-German ancestry, while his wife was of Scotch extraction. David was a millwright by trade and came to Missouri with his family in the spring of 1868, stopping first at Springfield for a short time, also at Greenfield for two months, after which he purchased a 40-acre tract of land three miles west of Dadeville, where he remained eight or ten years. Finally he purchased a home in Dadeville, where he followed his trade as carpenter during the remainder of his days. He died at Dadeville March 30th, 1915, his wife having departed this life, also at Dadeville, December 26th, 1896. Two children were born of this marriage, both boys, Morris Miller, the subject of this sketch, and his younger brother, Anderson, who died in Dade County, single.

Morris Miller remained at home with his father till he was 21 years of age, attended only the common schools of the county during the winter months, and during the summer either farmed or worked at the carpenter's trade with his father. He was married on the 27th day of August, 1877, to Sarah E. Glenn, daughter of George W. and Mary (Lock) Glenn, born in October, 1862, being seventh in point of birth in a family of eight children. Her father was a native of Tennessee, while the Locks came from Illinois. Her brothers were Sig, W. C., Sheridan and Joel, all now deceased but Sig.

After his marriage they moved to a small hill farm on Son's creek, where they raised one crop, then moved to Corry, where Mr. Miller followed the mining business for 17 or 18 years. About the year 1890 he moved to Dadeville, where he engaged in the carpenter business in company with his father.

In November, 1894, he was elected sheriff of Dade County on the Republican ticket, and moved to Greenfield. Prior to this time, however, Mr. Miller had served as constable of Morgan Township for six years.

Mr. Miller remained in Greenfield seven years, serving one term as sheriff, after which he was deputy sheriff

under U. S. Keran, and also under W. R. Farmer. He served one term as city collector while in Greenfield. In 1901 he moved back to Dadeville, and in November, 1902, he was elected justice of the peace, and has served continuously in that office ever since. At present he is local register for the vital statistics of the state of Missouri. Mrs. Miller is still living, but a hopeless invalid.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of eight children, viz:

(1) Berta, born August 26th, 1878, graduated from the Greenfield High School, taught school in Dade County for a few years, married Charley Lyons, a Dade County farmer, and now lives three miles northeast of Golden City, in Marion Township. They have two children, Bernice and Gradon Gilbert.

(2) Wade, born April 11th, 1880, and died April 7th, 1901, lacking just four days of being 21 years of age. He was single at the time of his death, having been killed in a railroad accident at Neal, Kas.

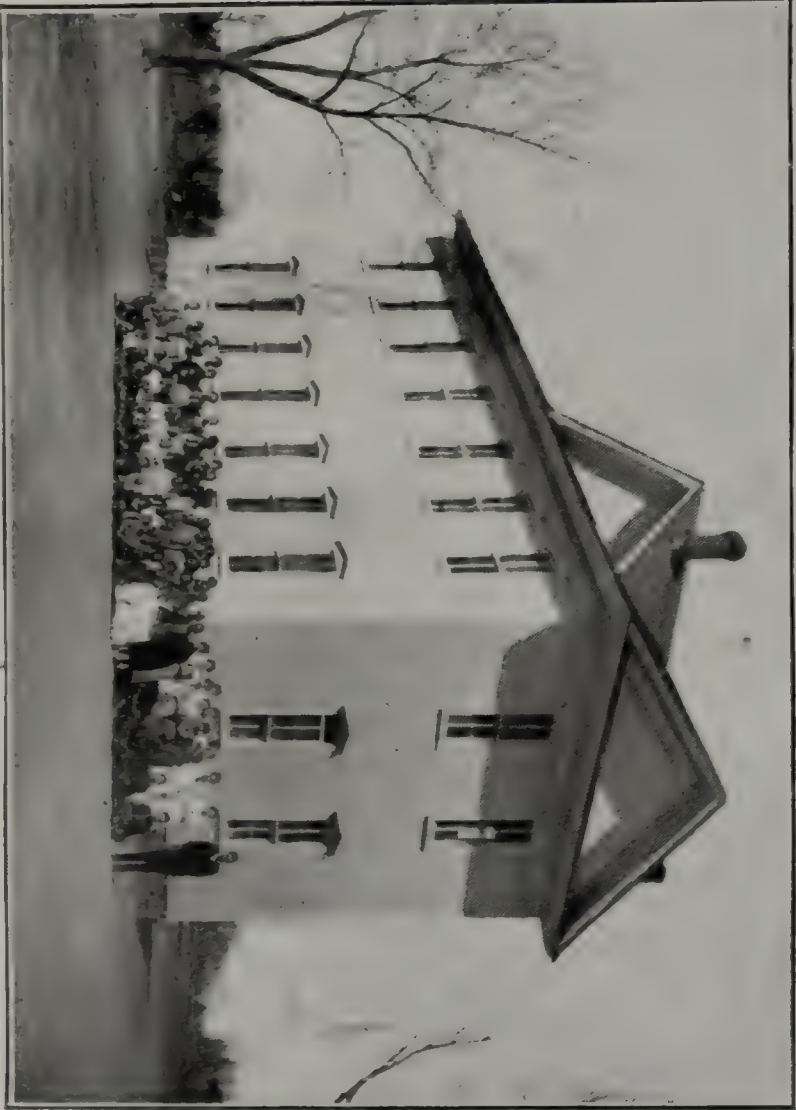
(3) Henrietta, born in 1882, attended Greenfield High School, taught in Dade County for three years, married Henry Clark, a Dade County farmer. They now live in Golden City, where he is engaged in the elevator business. They have three children, Cleo, Gilbert and Eloise.

(4) James M., born in 1884, attended Greenfield High School, after which he farmed. He died, single, July 20th, 1914.

(5) Maude, born in 1886, attended the schools in Greenfield, married David Penrod. They now live in Golden City, where he is engaged in the lumber business. They have two children, Ernestine, and a boy baby, yet unnamed.

(6) Floy, born in 1888, attended school in Greenfield and Dadeville, married William McCandlass, a farmer. They now reside in Lawrence County, Missouri, and have two children, Gilbert and Gradon.

(7) Greta, born in 1890, attended school in Dadeville, married Herbert Smith, a farmer. They now live in Barton County, near Golden City. They have one child, a girl, Denvil.



DADEVILLE VIEWS.

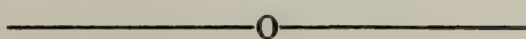


L. C. DUNAWAY AND WIFE.

(8) Jessie, born in 1892, attended school in Dadeville, married Robert Morrison, a farmer. They now reside in Lawrence County, Missouri.

Of this splendid family the two boys each met a violent death while yet in early manhood. The girls are all happily married and ten grandchildren have come to bring sunshine into their homes and gladness to the hearts of their grandparents, who have toiled, sacrificed and struggled through many long years with little hope of reward save and except the welfare and happiness of their children.

In politics Mr. Miller has always been a Republican and active in the affairs of his party. His nomination and election to the office of sheriff marked a new era in the politics of Morgan Township, which for years had been dominated by a few influential citizens of Dadeville. Mr. Miller was the candidate of the "Boys From the Sticks," and the delegates in the convention which nominated him represented the laboring classes of the county rather than the professional politicians. Mr. Miller is still active in the affairs of life and is prominent in the civic and business circles of his home city.



JOHN O. MITCHELL.

Dade county has never numbered among her favored sons many millionaires, neither has she been renowned as a rich man's resort, still there are a few men who in early life made their start here and afterward became famous in the business world. To this list belongs John O. Mitchell, who was born in Dade county October 22nd, 1858 near where the town of Arcola now stands. He is the son of DeWitt C. and Nancy (Carey) Mitchell both natives of Tennessee. His father was born not far from Knoxville in 1833 and died in 1880. In 1855 he came to Dade county and served in the Union army during the civil war. Nancy C. Mitchell was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., and died

in 1908. Ten children were born of this union, four boys and six girls, John O. was third in order of birth. All the children are living except one brother. In his boyhood days, John O. Mitchell attended the common schools of the county and later on, Ozark college in Greenfield. His first work for himself was as a hired farm hand, but afterward he taught school in his native county eight years. From school teaching he entered the mercantile business in Arcola during which time he also engaged in farming, stock raising, buying and shipping. He purchased and improved a large tract of land near Arcola, which he still owns. While in Dade county, Mr. Mitchell was a director in the Dade County bank at Greenfield, and was also active in politics. His party drafted him as a candidate for the legislature on the democratic ticket about the year 1900.

In the month of August, 1904 he moved to Tulsa, Okla., where he became extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick. With the opening up of the extensive oil-fields in that state, Mr. Mitchell dealt largely in oil and gas franchises and leases. He also invested largely in city and farm property. Along with these commercial enterprises Mr. Mitchell mixed a little politics. He was elected by the City of Tulsa to represent her in a joint-statehood meeting at Washington, D. C. in 1906. In the same year he was elected mayor of the City of Tulsa on the democratic ticket. Again in 1910 after the legislature had granted to the city a Commission Charter he was elected mayor, being the first mayor in the state under the Commission form of city government. In 1907 he was one of the organizers of the central National Bank of Tulsa and was its first vice-president, which position he held until 1916. This bank is the second largest in the state. In 1915 he organized the Central Missouri Company, incorporated for \$50,000 of which he is president.

Mr. Mitchell has always taken great interest in fraternal orders, and is at present a member of the Elks, Masons, Knights of Pythias and other benevolent orders. He took his first degree in Masonry in 1885 in Garrett lodge in

Arcola, Mo. He is now a member of the Scottish Rite Consistory at South McAlister, Okla., and a member of Akdar Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Tulsa. He owns one of the fine modern homes in the city of Tulsa.

On the 25th day of February, 1886 he was married to Alice M. Young of Greenfield, Mo., to which marriage have been born six children. Two died in infancy. Belva L. is now the wife of Ralph H. Shaw, of Tulsa, formerly of Lima, Ohio. He is engaged extensively in the oil business. Garland C. married Leota Arthur formerly of Lawrence county, Mo. Young O. married Martha Mowry of Tulsa, formerly of Pennsylvania. Eudora, now the wife of John H. Harvey of Tulsa, a native of Canada, manager of the Kawfield Oil Company. Belva attended Stephens college, Columbia Mo., Garland attended college at Columbia, Mo., and Oklahoma University at Norman. Young O. Mitchell graduated from the University of Kansas having formerly spent two years in the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Eudora graduated at Fairmont Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Mitchell at present is Past Exalted Ruler of Tulsa Lodge No. 946, B. P. O. E. He is still largely interested in Dade county affairs, having formed a partnership with his two sons who are engaged in the cattle business on his ranch near Arcola. Dade County is proud of John O. Mitchell and always points to him as one of her most distinguished ex-citizens.

MARTIN L. MITCHELL.

Was born near Holly Springs, Miss., March 21st, 1844, son of William and Elenor (Stockard) Mitchell, both natives of North Carolina but raised in Tennessee from Childhood. He was born July 7th, 1803 and died at Greenfield, April 2nd, 1898, while his wife was born in 1805 and died at Greenfield, Mo., May 9th, 1875. They came to Dade county in 1848, having raised one crop in Greene county in 1847. Like many of the early pioneers

of the country, in selecting a location the choice was decided by the presence of springs, two of which were found in Center township, northeast of Greenfield. Mr. Mitchell locating near one and his son-in-law, William L. Scroggs locating near the other one. Mr. Mitchell bought some land of John M. Rankin and entered some from the government. On the original homestead he built the first brick house in the county. He burned the brick in a kiln erected near Sac river. This was in 1856. At the time of his death he was the oldest man in the county—95 years. William Mitchell was a member of the Presbyterian church, a democrat in politics and held the office of Justice of the Peace many years. They raised a family of ten children: seven boys and three girls:

(1) Salina Jane, died when 5 years of age.

(2) James W., educated himself for a teacher, went to California in 1849, taught after his return to Dade county, enlisted in civil war, Co. L, 6th Mo. cavalry and died of congestion of lungs while in the service.

(3) William Luther, was a Presbyterian preacher, died in Illinois while pastor at Hillsboro in 1863.

(4) Samuel W., (sketch given in full in this volume).

(5) Leah Caroline, married William L. Scroggs, a prominent pioneer of Dade County.

(6) John F., entered union army, died in Greenfield, aged 74 years. He had two daughters in Greenfield, Hattie and Nettie.

(7) David Newton, died at the age of 30.

(8) Mary Elizabeth, married Arch Hopper, educated in Kentucky and taught school in Dade county, died in Humansville, Mo.

(9) Martin L. (the subject of this sketch).

(10) George B., physician in Kansas City, Kas.

Martin L. Mitchell has always made his home at or near the old home place Northeast of Greenfield. After the death of his father, he and his brother Dr. George B., bought the old homestead of 200 acres and divided it. Martin L. now owns part of the old homestead and has since purchased an 80 acre tract adjoining it on the east

upon which he has a fine residence erected in 1906. This 80 acres was unimproved when purchased, having been entered by A. M. Long.

Martin L. Mitchell was married September 4th, 1867 to Sarah J. Boland, who was born October 15th, 1848, daughter of John and Rebecca (Hudspeth) Boland. They were married in Kentucky and came to Dade county in the early 40's.

Martin L. Mitchell and wife are the parents of three children:

(1) Winifred L., born October 3rd, 1868, married Richard S. Marshall of Rogers, Arkansas, June 6th, 1898, died at Greenfield, Mo., after a few month of matrimonial bliss and was buried from the Presbyterian church in Greenfield, Sunday, December 4th, 1898.

(2) James M., born September 5th, 1872, in Dade County, married Ora Bell Mitchell, a daughter of Thomas Mitchell an early settler of Dade County. He is now farming on a part of the original Mitchell homestead.

(3) Florence E., married Ruel King whose sketch appears under proper caption in this volume, is now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are members of the Presbyterian church. He is an Elder, a republican in politics, having voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864—his first vote. He enlisted in Co. L. 6th Mo. Cavalry August 1st, 1862 and served three years. Was discharged at Baton Rouge, La., August 1st, 1865. After the war he returned home and farmed with his father. He has always been a farmer and a good one. While he is now living practically a retired life, he still oversees the farming operations and enjoys excellent health.

He is an active member of the G. A. R. post at Greenfield and takes great pride in being the owner of not only one of the oldest but also one of the best farms in Dade County.

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CHARLES W. MONTGOMERY.

The Montgomery family is one of the oldest, most numerous as well as the most highly esteemed in Dade

County. The subject of this sketch, Charles W. Montgomery is a respected scion of a prolific branch, having been born in Dade county, ten miles northeast of Greenfield, August 25th, 1850, son of Emsley C. and Julia Ann (Taylor) Montgomery. His father is a native of Christian County, Ky., while his mother first saw the light of day in Ray County, Mo. Emsley C. Montgomery was born in 1825 and came to Dade County with his father when 15 years of age, or in the year 1840 when his parents took up 280 acres of government land in Sac township, upon which they lived during the remainder of their lives. Emsley C. is still living on a fine farm of 100 acres adjoining the old homestead. Josiah B. Montgomery, a younger brother of Charles W. now owns and lives on the old place. Emsley C. Montgomery is now in his 92nd year, hale and hearty while his wife, who is still living, has seen the snows of 85 winters.

Emsley C. Montgomery is a veteran of the civil war, perhaps the oldest in the county, having enlisted in the 6th Mo., volunteer cavalry and served three years (lacking 4 days) a full sketch of his life and service appearing in another place in this volume.

Charles W. Montgomery remained at home and worked for his father until May 8th, 1870 when he was married to Mary Ellen Ellis, a daughter of Spencer Ellis, an early settler of the county who went with the rush to California in 1849 and died there. Her mother, Mary (Hudson) Ellis remained in Dade county and reared the family among them being Judge Thornton T. Ellis who met accidental death while Associate Judge for the Eastern district.

At the time of his marriage, and immediately thereafter, Charles W. Montgomery engaged in farming upon his own account, leased, bought and sold numerous farms, in which occupation he continued until 1886 when in company with Thornton T. Ellis, and his brother Thomas B. Montgomery they opened up a general store at Seybert which they conducted under the firm name of C. W. Montgomery & Co., for a few months when he bought out

his partners and conducted the business in his own name for three years. He then purchased the Seybert flouring mill for \$12,500 on the installment plan, paying the interest and \$1,000 on the principal each year. These payments were made monthly and for five years he never missed a payment. During this time he rented his store building, sold the goods in bulk and bought 320 acres of fine land adjoining the mill property. He subsequently sold the mill for \$10,000 reserving some land, houses and property valued at \$2,500. This added to his farm made his entire holding amount to 430 acres with numerous buildings and other improvements.

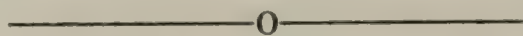
In the fall of 1894 he was elected Clerk of the County Court of Dade County on the Republican ticket and served eight years during which time his oldest son, Aaron H. had served as his deputy. Aaron H. Montgomery was elected to this office in 1902 and served four years with his father C. W. Montgomery as his deputy, both retiring in 1906. In 1910 Charles W. Montgomery was elected Probate Judge of the county and re-elected again in 1914 which office he still holds, making a remarkable record for public service. At present he is the owner of numerous small tracts of land near Greenfield and several houses in the city. He has also been largely interested in mining enterprises in the Joplin district as well as in Dade County. He has been a member of the M. E. Church since 1879, serving on the Board of Trustees almost continuously. In politics, he has long been recognized as a leader, not only in local circles but in the high councils of the Republican party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Montgomery have been the parents of 14 children, 5 of whom died in infancy. Their oldest daughter died leaving three children who were raised by their grand-parents. Those living at the present time are as follows:

- (1) Aaron H., lives at Whittier, California.
- (2) W. E., a merchant at Greenfield, Mo.
- (3) Lenora, wife of Henry Hayward, a farmer living in North Morgan township.

- (4) Thomas W., lives at Linsley, Calif.
- (5) Elmer Clyde, lives at Eden, Idaho.
- (6) Julia, wife of C. W. Tindall of Linsley, Calif.
- (7) Lester, also lives at Linsley, Calif.
- (8) Nellie L., wife of Ralph Stapp, a railroad man residing at Arcadia, Kansas.

The brothers of Charles W. Montgomery are extensive farmers and stock raisers residing in the northern part of the county. Their farms are all well improved and kept in a high state of cultivation. As probate Judge, Mr. Montgomery has made an exemplary, pains-taking official whose chief delight seemed to be in accommodating the people. Many people have ascribed his popularity in political campaigns to the fact that while he was in the mercantile and milling business at Seybert, no man however poor, was ever denied credit for a sack of flour or a side of bacon. Since entering politics Mr. Montgomery has been obliged to pay many security debts for his old-time friends who took advantage of his generosity and imposed upon his unlimited good nature, but he has never complained or regretted doing an act of kindness for a friend even though it has cost him many dollars and severely tested his faith in human nature.



GEORGE WASHINGTON MOORE. **Deceased.**

Was born in Cedar county, Mo., while his people were enroute for Dade county. This event occurred on the 14th day of June, 1844. His people were from Tennessee. His father, Charles Moore traveled through Dade County into Arkansas where they stayed for some time and after his death his family returned to Dade County.

At the age of 18 years George W. Moore enlisted in the Union army, first in Company E, 14th regiment and later in Co. C, 8th regiment Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. During the war he sent home money to his mother and bought a farm of 120 acres. He had this about half paid for when he married Eliza J. Headlee on the 8th day of



M. V. HOLMAN AND WIFE.

August, 1872. She was born March 15th, 1848 in Greene county, a daughter of Samuel Newton and Mary (Mitchell) Headlee. The Moores went to housekeeping in a one-room dwelling which they afterward added on to until they had a fine farm residence. Since Mr. Moore's death his wife has managed the farm with success. She is still the owner of 118 acres, having given 2 acres to the Routh Chapel, M. E. Church. Mrs. Moore has built a fine 80-ton silo, and splendid outbuildings. They have six acres of alfalfa and raise registered Jersey cattle for dairy purposes. It is their intention to build up an extensive dairy farm and market the products. At present they have nine head in the herd.

George W. Moore was a member of the M. E. church and his family are members of the same organization. He was a republican in politics. Receiving an injury during the war in the battle of Big Blue from which he never fully recovered and was sick some two years prior to his death which occurred September 10th, 1895.

George W. Moore and wife were the parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy, and one, John B., born August 10th, 1873, was killed April 24th, 1890 at the age of 17 years. Those living are:

(1) Minnie C., born August 23rd, 1875, is still at home.

(2) Eva D., born Aug. 11th, 1878, is at home.

(3) Charles E., born January 29th, 1881, is still at home.

(4) Morris A., born August 30th, 1884, married Lela McGill of Polk county where they now live.

The Moore farm is located in Morgan township and Aldrich is their shipping point although they also trade some at Dadeville. The entire farm is fenced hog-tight with woven wire and is well watered by two branches, one large cave spring and wells, the waters is forced through the house and barns by a hydraulic ram. They raise and feed from 50 to 60 head of hogs each year.

In addition to the Jersey cattle they have one registered saddle stallion, Custer, No. 3311, one thoroughbred

draft stallion and two splendid Kentucky Jacks for breeding purposes. This farm is known as "The Blue Grass Dairy Farm."

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CHARLES W. MOORE.

One of our best known business men is Chas. W. Moore of Dadeville whose well stocked store is the largest and best known of northeast of Dade County.

Mr. Moore is a native of Dade County having been born in Dadeville July 23, 1871, a son of Ruben and Serine E. (Clopton) Moore. Ruben Moore was a native of Tennessee and came to Dade county when quite young and taught school here for many years, here he married his wife who was decendent of the well known and highly respected pioneer Clopton family of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in these volumes under the name of Richard Green Clopton. When the civil war broke with all its fury, Ruben Moore was not to be found wanting, he enlisted in Co. L, 6th Mo. Cav. serving under Capt. Jesse Kirby as First Sergeant, he was discharged at Pilot Knob for disability. He was a successful teacher, farmer and business man and a man well and favorably known throughout the county for his integrity and fair dealing in all things. He died in January, 1914 while his wife was killed by a runaway team on the streets of Dadeville. Charles W. Moore received a district school education in Dade county but at the early age of 19 started out in life for himself by working his father's farm. We soon find him in what has proved to be his life work merchandising, for after a short trip in the west, lasting about six months, he entered the store of his grandfather Clopton at Dadeville. For six years he worked in this store and until his Grandfather Clopton sold out and then Mr. Moore started a grocery store in the old Clopton building which he run successfully for two years at which time his father entered the business with him and they put in a complete line of dry goods, clothing, etc. After a time Mr. Moore dissolved partnership with his father and

opened up alone in his present location, his father continued to run the old place for a time when he again became interested with his son and they run a large store, handling drygoods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., and continued up to 1910 when Charles W. bought out the entire establishment and his father retired to private life.

Charles W. Moore now owns the largest and most complete line of drygoods, clothing, boots and shoes and general merchandise in all north Dade county, in 1908 he bought the large brick building where he is now located, this is a modern structure equipped with carbide lights and all the possible conveniences in an inland town. Noted for his fair dealing and courteous treatment of the public, he has built up a business of which any man might well be proud. His stock is well kept and shows the care of a man well versed in his particular line. Mr. Moore carries a stock fluctuating between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 and he keeps it moving and fresh and strictly up-to-date.

Mr. Moore was married June 22, 1902 to Miss Eva Tarrant, a native of Dade county, born September 1st, 1878, a daughter of Wm. H. and Sarah J. Tarrant, early settlers of Dade county, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore have been born four children, namely, Ross T., born March 12, 1909; Emma Maxine, born October 12, 1910; Aluwee, born February 22, 1913 and Charles Dale, born July 10, 1915; all at home and receiving the best of educational advantages. Besides being an extensive and prosperous business man, Mr. Moore has large farming interests, owning nearly 300 acres of valuable farming property. He has 80 acres in South Morgan township, 160 in Polk township besides 28 and one-half in Dadeville. Mr. Moore resides in one of the best residences in Dadeville, having built a modern 5-room dwelling. This hustling business man finds time to devote to the social interests of the town, being a member of the I. O. O. F., W. O. W. and Modern Woodman of the World. He is a staunch republican and prominent in party affairs, is a broad minded, public

spirited citizen, interested in good roads, free public schools and progress for the county along all lines. A man in every sense of the word, a credit to his town, his county and his state.

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BAILEY P. MORGAN.

No family in the county are better or more favorably known than the Morgan family of, and near Dadeville. The subject of this sketch, was born in Dade county, October 29th, 1847 and has spent his entire life up to now, in Dade county. He is the son of Wick and Nancy (Worley) Morgan. Wick Morgan was brought to this country by his father and mother, Adonijah and Betsey (Mathews) Morgan who were very early settlers of Indiana and came to Dade county in the early 40's. They rented land for some time and later became large land owners here. Bailey Morgan's mother's people, the Worleys, were also pioneers of this county having settled here about 1840. Wick Morgan was married in Dade June 2nd, 1845 by Judge Pat T. Andrews, he and his wife as well as his father and mother all died here and are buried in the Rice cemetery. Bailey Morgan bought 50 acres of good land about 1880 upon which he now lives, he has always been a farmer, has prospered and now owns 123 acres just east of Dadeville and it is one of the fine farms of the county. In 1901 he built a nice four-room dwelling and here he is living, practically retired. He never married but does not want for love and affection in his declining years for you will find at his home three lovely children who love him and whom he loves and cherishes as his own. It is a beautiful story to tell, how this big hearted man took the three-months-old daughter of Pang Morgan and his wife, Mary Vanhoose, who had just died, and raised her from this infant age to lovely womanhood, and now, she is married to Herman Ackers, a native of Dade county and they live on the Morgan place and have three fine children as follows: Thyra Neoma, born March 8th, 1905; Mary Florence, March 17, 1912; and Ollie Madaline September

23, 1914. Bailey Morgan is known to almost everyone in eastern Dade county, he is a fine, broad-minded, Christian gentleman. He is a member of the Christian church and held in the highest regard by all who have the honor of his acquaintance.

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ALBERT G. MORRIS (Deceased.)

A native of Dade County, was born August 28th, 1874 and died January 29th, 1908. He was a son of Mount Etna and Sarah Ella (Quarrels) Morris, a daughter of Thomas Quarrels and came to Missouri when a young lady. Both families were pioneers coming from Kentucky.

In 1896 Albert G. Morris in company with J. W. Toliver bought a small hardware store of Blackmore & Tarrant in Dadeville, increasing the stock and later moved to a new location, taking in a third partner, Mr. Lindley. This firm continued in business for a time when Morris & Lindley purchased the interest of Mr. Toliver in the firm, after which Mr. Lindley became the sole proprietor. After the dissolution of this firm Mr. Morris again bought in and later bought the entire stock and remained in this business until the time of his death. The business is now run by the Maze Hardware Company. His health was bad for some time prior to his death. He was always engaged in mercantile pursuits.

On the 30th day of December, 1896 he was married to Veda Wilson, who was born September 8th, 1875. They were the parents of three children:

(1) Lucile, born July 22nd, 1898, received her education in Dade County, attended the Dadeville High School and one year in Drury College at Springfield. She is now teaching in Dadeville.

(2) Mount Etna, born September 1st, 1900, attending school in Walnut Grove where he graduated in 1917.

(3) Albert George, born November 27th, 1905, attending school.

Mr. Morris was a democrat but preferred his home life with his family and gave his talents to his business

rather than to politics. His people are members of the Christian church. Mr. Morris was a Mason, attaining the Shriner's degree.

Mrs. Morris resides in a fine cottage near Dadeville, is a member of the Presbyterian church, drives an Overland car, is a good roads booster and is a splendid specimen of the up-to-date, 20th Century woman who takes a lively interest in public affairs and presides over an ideal home.

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UEL W. MURPHY.

No city, town or village ever remained long upon the map of any country without claiming among her distinguished citizens, sooner or later, some representative from the Emerald Isle. Uel W. Murphy was born in North Township, Dade County, Mo., July 19th, 1846, son of Gilbert W. Murphy, born in Edgar county, Ills., March 23rd, 1819, of Irish Ancestry. His parents came from Ireland and early settled in Illinois, while it was yet a territory. George W. Murphy was a farmer and quite successful. He came to Dade County in the latter part of the 30's and located in North township where he entered 120 acres of land, erected a log-cabin upon it and made other improvements. In addition to farming he handled considerable live stock. He died on the old homestead, July 12th, 1871. He was a local preacher of the M. E. church and organized the Methodist Society in North township. Their first meetings were held in his home, the congregation being seated on slabs which he had fashioned for that purpose. He also performed many marriage ceremonies among the pioneers, frequently two in a single day. In politics he was an old-time Whig and later joined the Republican party. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married to Miss California Lemaster, born in Maury County, Tenn., October 30th, 1823, died May 23rd, 1886, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Lemaster who came to Dade County before the Murphy's came, sometime in 1830-35 and located in North

Township. They were successful farmers in their day and always had plenty of bacon and venison in the smoke house to last over winter. Mrs. California Murphy was a member of the M. E. church and the mother of ten children:

(1) William P., born October 24th, 1840, married Sophia Underwood, who was born in Tennessee in 1838 and died in Dade County in 1894. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mariah Underwood who came from Tennessee in the 30's and located in North township. Her brothers, Robert and Price Underwood were veterans of the Civil war. William P. Murphy and wife were members of the M. E. Church and were the parents of eight children, 5 of whom are living:

Uel W., Louisa F., wife of Charles Wilson, Riah, living at home, Marguerite, Married Floyd Sloan, died leaving two children, and William Roscoe.

William P. Murphy was a member of the volunteer Home Guards during the civil war and is a Republican in politics.

(2) Mary A. E., born August 28th, 1842, married Julius Appleby, of Dade County. She died May 26th, 1886 leaving six children.

(3) Lewis M., born May 23rd, 1844, died in 1912. For a number of years he was a merchant at Greenfield and later at Carthage, Mo. He married Cordie Garrett. They had three children.

(4) Uel W. (the subject of this sketch).

(5) Eliza J., born September 20th, 1848, married Thomas Travis a farmer and served as County Clerk of Cedar County. She is now a widow, having one child, Alba who first married R. Hartley of Cedar County and after his death became the wife of M. M. Ewing a banker at Denver, Colo.

(6) Sarah P., born January 20th, 1850, married Robert P. Underwood who is now deceased. He was a farmer and later a merchant. Was postmaster for 10 years under the McKinley administration and represented Dade county one term in the Missouri Legislature. He was a veteran

of the Civil war and raised a family. His widow still resides in Greenfield.

(7) Cordelia C., born July 8th, 1854, married Glover Killingsworth, now a farmer and stock man at Emporia Kansas. They have five children.

(8) Melville L., born July 25th, 1857, died December 21st, 1889. Married Lizzie Kimber. He was a merchant and the father of two children, one of whom, R. P. Murphy is living. His widow resides near Carthage.

(9) Robert W., born December 8th, 1859, is a hotel man and resides in Kansas City.

(10) Ada M., born January 3rd, 1863, married Henry Whittaker who is now deceased. During life he was a merchant at Arcola. They had two children. She is now living in Seattle, Washington.

Uel W. Murphy was raised on a farm and attended the country schools. He went from the farm to Arcola in 1884 where for a number of years he was engaged in Merchandising. In 1891 he became the landlord of the Delmonico Hotel in Greenfield, both before and after its re-construction. It was a popular hostelry and gained a wide reputation for hospitality during his 14 years of management. In politics Mr. Murphy is a republican and was elected Sheriff and served one term as a candidate of that party. Since his retirement from the office of Sheriff he has lived practically a retired life, serving some years as Constable of Center Township and is now deputy sheriff. He is also engaged in the real estate business and lends money upon his own account. The Murphy family, throughout, are staunch members of the M. E. church.

He was married November 28th, 1872 to Katherine Travis, who was born in Scott County, Va., February 26th, 1847, daughter of Edward H. and Margueret (Carter) Travis who came to Dade County in 1853 and located in North Township. He was a veteran of the Mexican war. Both he and his wife are now dead. He was a farmer and a local preacher of the M. E. church, a Republican in politics and served as a Judge of the County Court. They

had six children of which Mrs. Murphy was third in point of birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have no children of their own but raised one boy, J. C. Brown, from two years of age to manhood. He is a book-keeper by profession and resides at Phoenix, Arizona. He married Ella Dicus, a Dade county girl of a pioneer family.

Both as a citizen, a hotel man and a county official, Mr. Murphy was highly esteemed. He was always a consistent, active worker in church circles and a guardian of law and order while Sheriff of the County. At the present time he is among the most highly respected men of the community.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN MABERRY NEALE.

Dade County points with pride to many distinguished citizens, some of whom were of native birth, others by adoption, whose ability, genius or attainments have left a lasting impression upon the sacred tablets of memory. It requires but little effort to recall the names of many men, who, by reason of their sagacity in business, energy, frugality and tenacity of purpose, have succeeded in accumulating vast sums of money and landed property, which at their death became, at most, a questionable heritage unto those who should follow after them. Others, by reason of a strong personality, deep-seated convictions, well-defined moral principles and sterling qualities of heart and brain, have left to posterity a monument more enduring than shafts of lifeless marble or piles of unfeeling stone—their's a living monument which has its foundation in the hearts and lives of men. To this latter class, Capt. B. M. Neale pre-eminently belonged.

The soil of the Old Dominion claimed him as a child. B. M. Neale was born in Wood County, Virginia, November 16th, 1841, upon land which formerly constituted part of the original George Washington estate. In 1843 his father settled in La Fayette County, Missouri, and here Benjamin grew to manhood. He attended the common

schools of the county and later graduated from Central College, Fayette, Mo.

At the breaking out of the civil war he espoused the cause of the South and became one of her most gallant defenders. His first service was with Weightman's brigade, Graves' regiment, in which he was commissioned captain. Afterward he joined the Shelby brigade, with which he served with distinction until the close of the war, his service covering exactly four years.

Captain Neale was every inch a soldier. He possessed that unmistakable military bearing which marked him as a leader of men. His very appearance inspired confidence and his word when once spoken was as immutable as the law of the Medes and Persians. While he was austere and commanding in a way, yet there was that kind, sympathetic fellow-feeling of comradeship ever present in his heart which found its best expression in deeds rather than words extended to those with whom he was associated.

His first real taste of war occurred at Carthage on the 4th day of July, 1861, from which place his regiment was ordered to Springfield, where it participated in the battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10th of the same year. He was also in the battles of Little Blue and Lone Jack, in the state of Missouri, and during the latter part of the war was in many engagements in Arkansas and Louisiana, ending his military career at Shreveport, La., June 15th, 1865.

On the 14th day of March, 1867, he was married to Miss Anna E. Groves, a lady of culture and refinement, and to this union six children were born, all of whom are living:

(1) Katie, widow of C. W. Barker (now deceased), who resides in Greenfield, Mo.

(2) Mamie E., now Mrs. J. M. Peterson of Lockwood, Mo.

(3) Willie G., now Mrs. J. M. Painter of Greenfield, Mo.

(4) Ben M., a prominent attorney and leading democratic politician of Greenfield, Mo.

(5) Eula M., now Mrs. W. M. Brooks of Arcola, Mo.

(6) Anna G., still single, engaged in teaching.

In the year 1883 Captain Neale purchased a 320-acre tract of prairie land some twelve miles northwest of Greenfield in Ernest township, upon which he settled, and here his children grew to manhood and womanhood.

About the year 1903 Captain Neale retired from active farm life and came to Greenfield, where he purchased a comfortable residence and spent the remainder of his days in comparative rest and quietude.

During the last years of his life his heart, mind and soul seemed to be wrapped up in the fraternal organizations growing out of the Southern Confederacy. He was a man of strong emotions and undying affection and the cause to which he had given the best part of his life was as dear to him as the very apple of his eye. He had been many times honored by these organizations, holding many positions of trust, in recognition of his valiant services during the war, was promoted to the rank of colonel and only his extreme modesty and feeling for others prevented his election as commander. His own words in declining this honor will best portray his real spirit of manhood. "I have been honored sufficiently. There are others of the boys who are deserving; pass the honor around." Of all the honors conferred upon Captain Neale, perhaps the one most appreciated by him and his immediate friends is a medal of bravery in service, "The Southern Cross of Honor," presented to him by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

His extreme modesty is again shown by the closing words written by himself in a personal sketch prepared by him for the annals of his beloved organization:

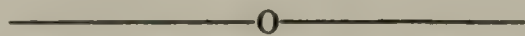
"This, fellow comrades, is a brief recital of my army record, much of which is pleasant to recall, but mixed with some sweet is much bitter—buried friends and dear, brave comrades, tried on half a hundred battle fields, buried hopes and aspirations for our loved sunny South. My fellow comrades! We lost all save honor. Our dear heroes

are the admiration of the world and by our good citizenship we have won the respect of all good and brave men. Let us cherish the memory of our dead comrades, let us, in memory at least, entwine their brows with unfading wreathes of love, although there be mingled regrets and heart-burnings for what might have been."

In politics, Captain Neale was an unswerving democrat and always active in the affairs of his party. Religiously, he made a profession of religion when 19 years of age and united with the South Methodist church, from which his membership was never transferred.

He departed this life on Tuesday, October 1st, 1912, at the age of 71 years, survived by his wife and six adult children.

In recounting the striking characteristics of this splendid man it is safe to say that he was a gentleman of the "old school" and carried with him that grace of dignified manhood which endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact. In conversation he was genteel, courteous and scholarly, quoting Plato, Shakespeare and Emerson with the fluency of a college professor. Temperamentally, he was inclined to be both spirited and animated, speaking his convictions with a force and directness which left no room for doubt in the minds of his hearers. In appearance he was tall and muscular, combining the courtesy of a Chesterfield with the dignity of a Danton, and exemplifying in his every-day life those qualities of heart and soul so much admired by all lovers of true manhood and commendable citizenship.



BENJAMIN M. NEALE.

Was born in Lafayette County, Mo., on October 28th, 1876, and came to Dade County in 1882, with his parents, who located on a farm in Ernest township. With a common school education, he obtained a certificate and started teaching in the rural schools, where he spent two years, using the money thus earned to pay his way through

the state university law school, where he graduated in the class of 1902.

Immediately thereafter he opened a law office in Greenfield, and in the years that have since elapsed has enjoyed a steadily growing and almost universally successful practice, so much so that at this time he is recognized as one of the ablest attorneys of this section of Missouri. His practice is not confined to his home county, but extends into adjoining circuits, where the ablest lawyers of the state find in him an opponent worthy of their steel in the legal arena.

Like many successful attorneys, Mr. Neale enjoys relaxation from his professional duties by participation in the political campaigns. He is an ardent democrat, and had the management of his party's campaign in Dade County in 1914 and 1916, when, despite the fact that his was the minority party, he succeeded in electing a good share of his candidates. His ability as a political manager was recognized in 1916, when he was made a member of the democratic state committee, and again at the close of that campaign, when he was placed at the head of a special organization sub-committee of that body. At the time this is written, it is practically assured that he will be unanimously made chairman of the democratic state committee at its forthcoming meeting, when Chairman Cowgill has announced he will resign.

Mr. Neale was married in 1904 to Miss Mary Finley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Finley, of Greenfield. They have two sons, Harry Groves and Thomas Randolph. He is a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian church and an officer in the church organization. For some years he has been superintendent of its Sunday school. He belongs to the various branches of the Masonic order, including Washington lodge, Greenfield Royal Arch chapter and Constantine commandery.

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JACOB E. NEWKIRK.

A Hoosier with Irish ancestry would seem to be an odd combination, but Dade County is made up of people

from every corner and quarter of the globe, and in addition to the above, Mr. Newkirk has a little splash of German blood in his veins.

Jacob E. Newkirk was born in Jackson County, Indiana, March 4th, 1862, a son of Abraham Taylor and Elizabeth (Ruddick) Newkirk. His father was a native of Ohio, while his mother was born in Indiana. His grandfather, Cyrus Newkirk, was a native of New York, having in his veins the rich, red blood of Ireland, with a little tinge of German on his mother's side.

Cyrus Newkirk was an early settler in Ohio, but Abraham Taylor Newkirk came to Indiana when 22 years of age and followed the river for an occupation, running a boat on the Ohio river for a number of years. It was during these boating days that he met and married Elizabeth Ruddick, and in 1864 they emigrated to Chase County, Kansas. For eleven years they endured the hardships of frontier life, battling with drouth, grasshoppers and chinch-bugs, till in 1875 he exchanged his Kansas lands for 196 acres in South township. Here he settled and here he prospered. At the time of his death he owned 236 acres, some of which were over the line in Lawrence County. Part of his real estate holdings comprised the land where the station of Olinger now is. He kept the postoffice before the railroad was built, and served as Justice of the Peace for twenty years. Abraham T. Newkirk was a lifelong democrat. His widow, Elizabeth (Ruddick) Newkirk, is still living at the advanced age of 86 years.

Six children were born of this marriage to live to maturity:

(1) Frank, a farmer in Kansas. Married Minnie Nott, a Dade County girl.

(2) William Lindley, farmer of Lawrence County. Married Bell Marsh of Dade County.

(3) Nora, married William D. Sturdy, of Pennsboro, a farmer, stock buyer and shipper.

(4) Jacob E. Newkirk.

(5) Elmer Andrew, first wife, Ella Moore, died leaving three children. He then married Stella Hunter of Law-

rence County. They reside on the old Newkirk homestead.

(6) Julia B., married L. R. Moore, a Dade County farmer.

Jacob E. Newkirk received his meager schooling in the common schools of Kansas and Dade County. He vividly remembers a circumstance when at school in Kansas, when only seven years of age, that the alarm was given that the wild Indians were on the war path, murdering all the whites, and headed direct for the schoolhouse. The children were instructed to rush home, spread the alarm, and warn everybody to take refuge in Cottonwood Falls, the county seat. Is it any wonder that under conditions of this kind the three R's of primitive education were not fully mastered?

Jacob remained at home till 27 years of age, with his father, until he had accumulated property of about the value of \$1,200, when he married Myrtie L. Renfro, daughter of Lewis Renfro of Greenfield. This took place on September 24th, 1889.

Soon after his marriage he rented 160 acres of land in South Township, where he now lives. He remained a tenant, however, but a few years, trading for the land in 1894 upon which he has lived and prospered. His wife died December 25th, 1898, leaving four children:

(1) Grace B. Myrtie (a baby), born September 5th, 1898, died February 26th, 1899.

(2) Mary Elna, born April 6th, 1891, at home.

(3) Lewis A., born August 6th, 1893, married Hazel E. Speer of Pennsboro, where they now reside.

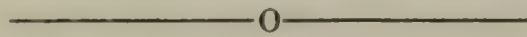
(4) Jacob Elwood, born November 28th, 1895. Married to Nettie Terrell of South Greenfield.

On December 29th, 1901, Mr. Newkirk married Miss Ollie A. Neal, born October 31st, 1878, in Gallia County, Ohio, daughter of J. T. and Emma (Allison) Neal, both living in Ohio. To this union there were born five children, now living:

- (1) Neal, born January 24th, 1903.
- (2) John M., born June 24th, 1905.
- (3) Beatrice Ida, born May 4th, 1907.
- (4) Emory Wesley, born August 7th, 1909.
- (5) Louise Irene, born July 17th, 1914.

Mr. Newkirk is actively engaged in general farming, stock raising and feeding. His farm is well watered by Honey creek, and also by wells and springs, making it an ideal place for live stock. One hundred and twenty-five acres are under cultivation. Mr. Newkirk is a democrat, has been treasurer of township for six years, school director and clerk of the board for twenty years. His family are regular attendants at the Methodist Episcopal church. His lodge relations are confined to the W. O. W.

Mr. Newkirk is heartily in favor of permanent road improvement and demonstrates his approval of good schools by sending his children to them.



CHARLES F. NEWMAN.

Was born in Dade county, Mo., on a farm some five miles northwest of Lockwood, October 2nd, 1880, son of Joseph V. and Elizabeth Newman. His father was born near Akron, Ohio in 1860 and his mother in the same year at Pittsburgh, Pa. Elizabeth Newman moved with her parents to Dade County, Mo., in 1867. J. V. Newman came to Dade County with his mother in 1867. Both settled on adjoining farms about six miles northwest of Lockwood.

J. V. Newman followed farming with varying success until about the year 1890 when he removed to Lockwood, engaging first in the livery business and afterwards in the real estate business. Later on he became a traveling salesman for the Inter-National Harvester Company, moving with his family to Ft. Scott, Kansas. He was a democrat in politics, and very active in all public matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman were the parents of three children; Charles F., the subject of this sketch, John R., a practicing physician and surgeon of Ft. Scott, Kas., and Jessie R., now the wife of Roy E. Cobbs, of Nowata, Okla.



FERDINAND ORTLOFF AND FAMILY.

The brother and sister are each younger than Charles F.

Charles F. was about ten years of age when his father moved to Lockwood so that his entire school life was spent in that city, attending first the public then the High School and afterwards taking a course in law at the state University at Columbia, Mo. On his return from college he immediately entered the profession of the law.

He was married at Lockwood, Mo., on the 25th day of September, 1904 to Edith H. Mayberry, daughter of H. R. and Mary Mayberry.

To this union one son was born, Ross M., February 11th, 1906.

Mr. Newman belongs to the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and W. O. W. lodges. In politics, he has always been a democrat, active in the councils of his party.

After his return from college he was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of law in Greenfield in November, 1903. He was nominated for prosecuting attorney and elected on the Democratic ticket in 1904, serving one term. He did not ask for re-election. At the expiration of his two years' term, January 1st, 1907, he formed a law partnership with Hon. Ben M. Neale of Greenfield, where he remained actively in the practice of his profession for seven years. During these years he became widely known as a successful trial lawyer. His practice extended over all the adjoining counties as well as into the appellate courts. Mr. Newman was also active in politics. In 1909 he was a candidate for Congress before the Democratic convention of the Sixth Congressional District at Butler, Mo., but was defeated. He served on the Democratic County Central Committee from 1900 till 1906, and was chairman from 1906 till 1914. He was also a member of the Democratic State Committee from 1908 till 1910.

In April, 1914, he received the appointment as attorney for the valuation department of the Interstate Commerce Commission, without solicitation, and moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he is still located. In this capacity he rep-

resents the government in the matter of the physical valuation of the railroads of several western states.

As an attorney Mr. Newman ranks high in the profession. He has the reputation of being a tireless worker and a painstaking advocate in the preparation of his cases. His addresses to the jury were always eloquent and forceful. Mr. Newman also acquired considerable distinction as a public speaker and campaign orator, having filled many engagements and assignments from and under direction of the State Democratic Committee.

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ARTHUR FRANKLIN NIXON.

Was born in the state of Iowa June 16th, 1845, son of Gabriel and Mary (Mendenhall) Nixon, both of whom are dead. He was principally raised in Indiana, and came to Dade County in 1875, his father having died in Indiana, his mother coming with him, and died in Dade County. On his arrival in Dade County he engaged in the mining business near Corry for four or five years, then entered the hardware business in Golden City in company with William Pemberton, and opened up a hardware store in Everton. He remained in this business about ten years, when he removed to his farm near Hulston, which his wife had received from the Pemberton estate. He conducted this farm of 325 acres for 15 years, then bought out the Albert Morris hardware store in Dadeville in the year 1908, and sold out in 1912 to Spencer & Hulston and returned to the farm. In the sale of the store in Dadeville he acquired the flouring mill at Hulston, which he operated one year, and sold it to Samuel Farmer, the present owner.

On the 2nd day of January, 1879, he was married to Marry M. Pemberton. To this union were born seven children, all of whom are living:

(1) Mary Rosana, born October 22nd, 1879, married Walter Kirby of Dade County. They have four children, Mary Mildred, Nellie Lorine, Celia Hazel and Denzel Louise.

(2) Nellie Sharp, born September 1st, 1881, married George Wise, a farmer of Jasper County. They have two children, Frozy Theo. and Georgia Aliene.

(3) Arthur Frank, born May 5th, 1884, now at home, running the farm.

(4) Jewel Kate, born October 10th, 1887, married Lynn H. Hembree, and lives in Everton. They have two children, Beatrice Alberta and Lynn Bron.

(5) John Pemberton, born June 12th, 1890, at home, helping to run the farm with his mother.

(6) Lillian Russell, born October 2nd, 1892, is still at home.

(7) Paul K., born July 25th, 1895. He is a musician, and now with the National Military Band of Leavenworth, Kas.

Arthur F. Nixon was an active Republican, always vitally interested in the public schools of the county, and served on the school board for many years. Mr. Nixon was raised in the Quaker faith, but never united with any church. Was a firm believer in the principles of Christianity and gave many evidences of his faith by good works. He was a member of the A. F. & A. M. lodge in good standing at the time of his death, holding membership at Everton. He was extensively known throughout the county, a good business man, highly honorable and trustworthy, a good neighbor, a kind father, and respected by all who knew him.

His wife, Mary M. (Pemberton) Nixon, was born July 11th, 1852, daughter of John and Rosanna (McConnell) Pemberton. Her father died February 6th, 1890, and her mother died December 8th, 1874. He was a native of Tennessee, and she was a native of Virginia. They came to Dade County, overland, in 1839. He took up over 200 acres of land near Hulston Mill, and added to it until his farm consisted of 350 acres. He was a blacksmith by trade, as well as a farmer, and followed both occupations.

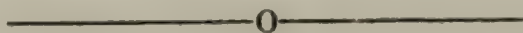
Mr. Pemberton was an active Democrat of the old school and held many positions of honor and trust. Was elected to the state legislature from Dade County in 1852, and collector of the county in 1854. He had been sheriff of the county when the office of sheriff and collector were combined. The Nixon family have in their possession a receipt signed by the state treasurer and auditor for the

entire revenues of Dade County for the year 1854. He was a remarkable man in many respects, and in his day was one of the most prominent citizens of the county. In 1850 he built a large two-story frame dwelling, which at the time was one of the finest in the county, and is still occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Arthur F. Nixon. In 1854 he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, was elected a ruling elder, and continued in that office until his death. He was also made a member of the A. F. & A. M. at Dadeville in that year. On the 18th day of January, 1844, he was married to Miss Rosanna McConnell of Washington County, Virginia, who, with him, cheerfully bore the burdens and joys of his life. He was a quiet, peaceable citizen, and was never known to speak an unkind word about anyone. To this marriage were born three children:

- (1) Mary M., who intermarried with Arthur F. Nixon.
- (2) Elizabeth Kate, who died at the age of 2 years.
- (3) Thomas V., born September 2nd, 1850, married Susan E. McConnell. After his death Susan E. married J. T. Jones.

Mrs. Nixon is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, an active worker in its enterprises, and belongs to one of the most distinguished families in the county.

Near the original homestead is one of the finest springs in the county. Mr. Nixon in his lifetime improved this with a hydraulic ram and connected up a perfect watering system, with pressure tank in the house, and also watering troughs in the barn lots. The old Pemberton homestead was known as one of the most productive stock and grain farms in the entire community.



FERDNAND ORTLOFF.

Germany has furnished to this land of the free thousands of her sons to become citizens. There is no country to which we are more indebted for the wonderful progress and development of our country than Germany. Her sons who have become our sons are almost without exception named among our very best citizens. Such a one is Ferd-

nand Ortloff. He is a large farmer and stock man of eastern Dade County. He was born in Germany December 13, 1863, a son of George Jacob and Christina (Weisensel) Ortloff, who came to America in the fall of 1866, bringing four children. They settled in the city of Syracuse, N. Y.

George Jacob Ortloff was a linen weaver by trade, but for a time after reaching Syracuse he worked in the smelting plant, but on account of poor health was unable to continue this work, so he took up carpet weaving, which he followed for a number of years. He passed away in Syracuse November 6th, 1906, past 71 years of age, having been born in Germany July 8th, 1835. His wife is still living and makes her residence in Syracuse, N. Y. The date of her birth was November 6th, 1836. Ferdnand Ortloff was an energetic, although restless, lad. He was taught the trade of furniture finishing. At the age of 15 he was so filled with the desire to see the world that he ran away from home and landed in Washington County, Michigan, where he went to work on a farm for his board. From here he roamed from place to place, working on farms, in saw mills, and, in fact, at anything he could find. He finally located in Berrien County, Michigan. After two years of wandering he bought four acres of land, and here he stayed for a number of years. He was married February 19th, 1884, at Three Oaks, Mich., to Mary E. Washburn, who was born September 17th, 1867, in New York state, and is a daughter of L. D. and Patient (Schnediker) Washburn, who were early settlers in the state of Michigan, and both passed their lives there. He died in the early 90's and she May 26th, 1887.

In 1885 Ferdnand Ortloff became interested in Missouri, and came to Dade County in September of that year, settling northwest of Greenfield, where the first year he worked 40 acres on grain rent, then took up a homestead five miles northwest of Greenfield, consisting of 40 acres. He improved this and lived there for 12 years, and in 1893 traded it toward 109 acres, all in South Morgan Township. This was an old, settled place, but very much run down. He went to work immediately to put this place back in

shape, which he succeeded in doing. He stocked it with good stock, carried on general farming, and his well-directed efforts brought speedy results. He has prospered and invested his money in more land, until now he has 395 acres in a body, which is certainly one of the fine stock farms of this county. Here he and his wife have raised a family of nine children. Besides these, there were born two who died in infancy. They were: Christina, born January 18th, 1885, died March 24th, 1886, and Bright Henrietta Christina, born June 14th, 1906, died January 8th, 1907. Those living are: Jacob G., born July 4th, 1886, married Eliza Batrell, and have one child, Theta; Verday O., born February 14th, 1889, married Earl Richardson, and they have one child, Mary Emily; Gracie M. was born September 13th, 1891, married Elmer Clark, a farmer of Dade County, and they have one child, Ferdinand; Charles F., born April 17th, 1884, married Mary E. Lursford, who is farming in Dade County; Ernest F., born March 12th, 1896, married Vernie Batrell, and is living in Dade County, and have one child, Margaret Thelma; Sophia E., born December 7th, 1898; Lillie B., born June 9th, 1901; Loving Joy, born September 7th, 1903, and Ferdinand M., born October 14th, 1909, all living at home.

Mr. Ortloff has given his children the advantage of good educations, a privilege denied him, but for which he has greatly made by extensive reading and observation. Mr. Ortloff is considered one of our leading stock men, and he is a firm believer in thoroughbred stock of all kinds. He has a fine Ayshire bull, which he obtained from the State Farm at Columbia, and has been breeding from him for the past two years. He also handles sheep, and sticks to the famous Poland-China hogs. Everything about his place shows thrift and good management. He has a fine residence, all modern farming appliances, drives a Ford car, and, in fact, is an all-around progressive, up-to-date citizen. He is a red-hot Democrat and a booster for good roads, and a firm believer of our free public school system. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. of Greenfield. Red blood runs in this man's veins, and we are glad that

he has selected Dade County as his home. He and his family are a credit to any community, and we sincerely hope that he and his descendants shall always be counted among our citizenship.

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THE PAINTER FAMILY.

John Painter was born in Washington County, Virginia, November 2nd, 1809, and on the 4th day of October, 1838, was married to Rachael McDaniel, a native of Virginia, born September 5th, 1819. The Painters were originally from Ireland, while the McDaniels were from Scotland.

John Painter was a blacksmith by trade, but also farmed. In 1869 they emigrated to Missouri, bringing their entire family, except one son, William, and settled in Morgan Township, Dade County, making the trip overland in horse-wagon, and were seven weeks and four days on the road. They rented land for one year and then moved to Polk Township, where their children now live. Here they rented 50 acres of cultivated land, a part of the old Pemberton farm near Hulston, where the father died April 26th, 1875, and the mother died December 27th, 1891. They were both members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was a Republican in an early day, but after coming to Missouri he was a Democrat.

John and Rachael (McDaniel) Painter were the parents of ten children, all of whom came to Missouri, except William, and seven of whom still reside on the old homestead:

- (1) Emma, born January 10th, 1840.
- (2) Bettie, born November 9th, 1842.
- (3) Jane, born June 11th, 1846.
- (4) George, born October 12th, 1848, died in Dade County September 12th, 1906.
- (5) Anna, born April 21st, 1852, married William Newell, who is now deceased. She lives in Sac Township.
- (6) James, born December 24th, 1855.
- (7) Susan, born August 21st, 1857.
- (8) John, born September 27th, 1860.

(9) Lucretia, born March 22nd, 1862.

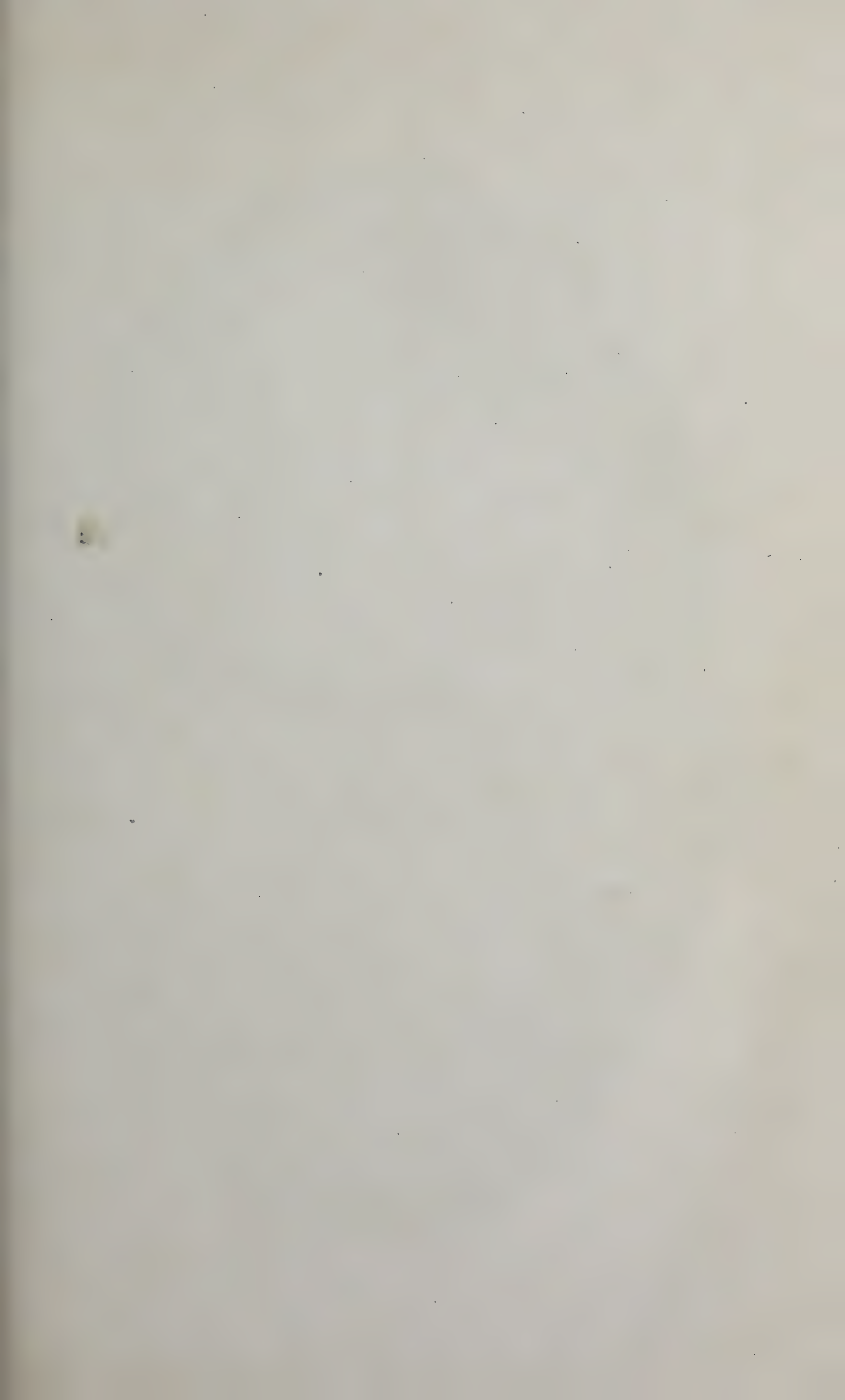
(10) William, born January 14th, 1844, who enlisted in the Confederate army under Captain Litchfield, in the brigade commanded by General Robert E. Lee, and served for some time. He was in the "Seven Days" battle, and died shortly afterward, June 14th, 1863.

After the death of the mother, the children bought the land upon which they had lived as tenants for so many years. There were 187½ acres in the original tract, to which 40 acres have since been added; 172 acres are in cultivation. All the improvements have been made by the Painter family. The dwelling, a two-story six-room structure, was built in 1905, and in 1915 a two-room concrete addition was made. Commodious barns have been erected and also a 90-ton silo, the first in Dade County, are among the other improvements. They have experimented a little with alfalfa, and have one field of five acres, which is doing fine.

The farm is well watered with springs, wells and branches, making it particularly well adapted for stock raising. The Painter family have a herd of Shorthorn cattle, consisting of one registered bull and 11 full-blood cows. They also raise hogs and mules for the market, averaging about one carload of hogs each year.

The girls of this family are members of "The Church of God," but no regular organization of that denomination is established in the community. The men are Democrats, and exceptionally fine people. They are frugal, industrious, reliable and progressive, being firmly in favor of good roads and good schools.

This family is in possession of one relic which is worthy of mention, being a pair of iron-frame spectacles which belonged to their grandmother, which she had received from her ancestors, being possibly more than 150 years old.





W. J. PYLAND AND FAMILY.



J. M. ALEXANDER AND WIFE.

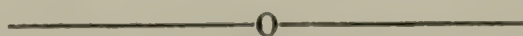
J. R. Patterson

The subject of this sketch was born on a farm March 31, 1876, on the East edge of Rock Prairie, about two miles east of what was then known as the Rock Prairie postoffice, or Cross Roads, now a suburb of Everton, where he lived until March 1, 1886, when, with his parents, he moved to Everton, and resided on a farm adjoining that place until September 1, 1888, on which date he removed to the old Calvin Wheeler farm, seven miles northeast of Everton, where he lived until March or April, 1908, when he moved, with his family, to Greenfield, the county seat, where he has since resided. His father, the late John A. Patterson, was quite a violinist and violin repair man and cabinet



maker in his day, and his son, the subject of this sketch, was very much inclined the same way, and there are not many parts or pieces about a piano, organ, violin, or any kind of musical instrument, that he cannot repair or make new if necessary. He has been selling pianos, organs and other musical goods in Dade and adjoining counties since July, 1898, and has hundreds of customers, all of whom are his friends. He has always sold a high class of goods, and makes friends with each sale. His mother, Mrs. Mary L. Patterson of Greenfield, is the second daughter of the late William R. Bennington, one of the pioneer teachers and promoters of the present good system of schools in Dade

County. His mother, Mary L., was a teacher in the schools in Dade County during the latter 60's and early 70's. He was married May 16th, 1906, to Miss Effie Hagerman, of near Walnut Grove, a granddaughter of the late James Wheeler of Polk Township, Dade County. On March 5, 1907, a little son, John Lester, was born to this union, and December 11th, 1908, a daughter, Floy Lorena, was born. In February, 1910, little Lester was taken sick with typhoid, and died March 8th. Miss Floy Lorena is at present a pupil in the Greenfield public schools. J. R. Patterson is the only exclusive piano and musical instrument dealer in Dade County. He is also an experienced piano tuner. He has the only piano moving van and fixtures in the county and moves fine pianos for people in all parts of the county, and also in adjoining counties.



ARCHIBALD CLINTON PATTERSON.

A native of Dade County, born near Dadeville September 6th, 1843, a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Patterson, and died at his home in Morgan Township May 18th, 1914, at the age of 71 years eight months and twelve days. He spent his entire life in Dade County.

He was twice married, his first wife being Louisa Speight. She died in 1884, having been the mother of eleven children, six boys and five girls, seven of whom died in infancy. Those to attain maturity were:

- (1) Howard, now a resident of Colorado.
- (2) Dote, married Elbert Kirby, and lives south of Dadeville.
- (3) Clarence, now living in Kansas.
- (4) Frank, who is now deceased.

His second marriage occurred on the 18th day of February, 1886, to Sarah P. Fanning, who was born in Dade County May 27th, 1870, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Speight) Fanning. They were married in Dade County and were early settlers here. Mrs. Patterson was the youngest of seven children, all living in Dade County except her. To this union were born seven children:

(1) Neva, born January 6th, 1888, married Homer Glaze, a farmer, residing south of Dadeville. They have five children.

(2) John W., born December 30th, 1889, still single. Is engaged in mining in the McGee camp and lives at home.

(3) Birdie, born February 1st, 1892, married Ray Glaze, a Colorado farmer, where they now reside. They have one child.

(4) Troy, born February 8th, 1895, resides at home, and is engaged in teaching school in Dade County.

(5) Lewis, born February 8th, 1898. Is at home, and attending school at Walnut Grove.

(6) Ruby R., born March 13th, 1901. Is going to school.

(7) Paul D., born November 1st, 1903. Is at home, attending school.

Mr. Patterson was a Republican in politics, but not an office-seeker. He was a member of the Baptist church, being one of the charter members in the organization at Dadeville. He was an extensive trader in live stock, as well as a general farmer and stock breeder. At the time of his death he owned a first-class farm of 270 acres near Dadeville.

Mr. Patterson was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company D, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, at the age of 18 years, and served with distinction until the end of the war. He was a good soldier, always ready and willing to do his duty, no matter how severe the hardships nor how imminent the danger. As a neighbor he was the most accommodating of men, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need and to assist his friends in their business ventures.

Mr. Patterson was an exemplary citizen, always interested in the general welfare of the community, was industrious and energetic, and improved much land in Dade County.

Since his death Mrs. Patterson and her own children have occupied the home place of 160 acres, which they own. She has control and management of the place, and

is making good. She is a woman of splendid business ability, a member of the Baptist church, and is conducting her general farming and stock raising enterprises in a way highly credible to herself and family.

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JAMES D. PATTERSON.

One of the very oldest of Dade County's native sons is James D. Patterson of Rock Prairie Township, Dade County. This venerable gentleman was born in Rock Prairie Township March 6th, 1844, a son of William H. and Mollie (Cotner) Patterson, both natives middle Tennessee, where they were married, and emigrated to Dade County, Missouri, in 1842, coming overland by wagon and driving ox teams. They brought with them four children and an uncle of Mrs. Patterson's, Uncle Warsh Cotner. They were a long time on the road, and when Mr. Patterson finally arrived he had just 15 cents in cash. He entered 280 acres of government land. This being prairie and having no timber whatever upon it for fencing purposes, he had to haul rails many miles. He succeeded in breaking 180 to 220 acres of this raw land, and built a log house, 16x18, in which he and his family lived for many years. He was a pioneer in every sense of the word, and it is evident that he was satisfied with Dade County, for here he and his wife remained until they were called by death. They had prospered, for at the time of his death he owned 560 acres of good farming land.

Of the ten children born to this fine pioneer couple, five are now living, namely: William Washington, now resides in Taney County, Missouri; Ann Eliza, who is now Mrs. Henry McMillen, and makes her home in Oklahoma; Melissa Ellen, now Mrs. Isaac Crawford, is a resident of New Mexico; Joseph N. is living retired in Walnut Grove, Greene County, Missouri, and James D., the subject of this sketch.

James D. Patterson had little opportunity for schooling, for in the early days, when he was a boy, there were few schools, and what there were were primitive in the

extreme. He was brought up to work and to work hard. At the time of his father's death he bought out the other heirs and went to farming on his own account. To say that he has succeeded in his life's work is putting it mildly indeed, for he has added tract after tract of land to his original holdings, until now he owns, in round numbers, 1,500 acres all in one body, and all in Dade County, except 50 acres just across the line in Greene County, and which comprises the largest and best stock farm in this section of the state. Besides this, he has given his daughter, Mrs. John M. Jones, a fine improved tract of 160 acres located in Rock Prairie Township. Mr. Patterson has long since given up real hard work, although he succeeds fully in managing this large property. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is especially interested in fine cattle, usually carrying about 200 head of full-blood Short-horns. Upon his farm will usually be found from 60 to 100 head of hogs. There are four large silos on this property with a capacity of 450 tons.

On January 12th, 1869, Mr. Patterson married Miss Margaret I. Traller, who was born February 5th, 1847, and died August 31st, 1876. The record of their three children is as follows: Mary I., born November 28th, 1869, is the wife of John M. Jones (extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere in this work); Arthur W., born September 2nd, 1873, died October 28th, 1873; Alice M., born August 28th, 1876, died August 30th, 1876.

Mr. Patterson took a niece of his to raise when she was 4 years old. Her name was Estella F. Burney, and she lived with him until she was married to Elmer Dilley, who is now deceased. She and her family live on a part of Mr. Patterson's large ranch.

Of the more than three score and ten years since Mr. Patterson was born, he has spent nearly every moment of the time within the boundaries of Dade County. He has seen the wonderful progress that Dade County has made, and we wish to refer the reader to an article prepared by Hon. Howard Ragsdale of Ash Grove, expressly for this

publication, and setting forth in an interesting manner Mr. Patterson's reminiscences of Dade County's early days.

Mr. Patterson is a Democrat and always has been one, but he has never desired or sought office of any kind, preferring to spend his time and energy attending to his large business interests. He is a fine Christian gentleman, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church, South. It is indeed a pleasure to meet and converse with this kindly, courteous old gentleman, and it makes one feel that life is surely worth living and that the fruits of a Christian life is well worth while. In eastern Dade County and western Greene County there is hardly a single man, woman or child who does not know Uncle Dave Patterson, and when his life's work here is finished and he has passed into the great beyond he will leave to us a memory and an example of a life well spent, and it should be and will be an inspiration to our children and their children's children to follow in the straight and narrow way, which always leads to wealth, health and happiness.

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JOHN Mc. PATTERSON.

Was born in Grant County, Indiana, October 28th, 1843, son of Henry and Sarah Ann (Adamson) Patterson. His father was a native of Tennessee, while his mother was born in Ohio. They were descendants of the Patterson and Adamson families, early settlers in Indiana, emigrating from Kentucky and South Carolina and taking up government land in Indiana.

Henry Patterson was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the Union army, and dying at Nashville in 1864, while his mother, Sarah Ann Patterson, lived many years after, dying in St. Joseph, Mo., in 1880, while visiting a daughter.

Henry and Sarah Ann Patterson were the parents of 12 children, eight of whom are living. Lydia and Dora live in Kansas City, Andrew lives in Washington and Silas lives in Idaho. Maggie lives in Idaho, Jane lives in Montana, while Elizabeth lives in Kansas.

John Mc. Patterson remained at home with his parents till the breaking out of the war. He had received but little education up to this time. He has been, however, a constant reader for a great many years, and is now considered a well-informed man upon all current topics. On the 1st day of October, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Hunter, and later under Captain Harry L. Deam. His enlistment was for three years, but in 1863 he re-enlisted under the special veteran law, which provided that all soldiers after two years' service could veteranize for three years more, or during the war, and receive a bounty of \$402. His second enlistment was in Company F, under Captain Spencer. His military experience was filled with many thrilling incidents and replete with active service. The Thirty-fourth rendezvoused at Camp Anderson, Madison, Ind., then to Jeffersonville, where they received their guns, and crossed the river to Louisville, Ky. After that they were stationed at New Haven, Ky., and Camp Wycliff. In 1862 they went via Ohio river to Padukah, Ky., then to New Madrid, Mo., during the seige. Afterward they were stationed at Tiptonville, to cut off the Confederate communication, and later were transported to Ft. Pillow, on the Mississippi river. At this point they were repulsed and retired back to New Madrid. From this point they were sent to Memphis and Helena, and from that point via the White river and Mississippi to St. Charles and Ball's Bluff, and then back to Helena, after starting to reinforce General Curtis at Prairie Grove. They were stopped when the news came that General Curtis had won the battle. Mr. Patterson served on provost duty at Helena for a time, then went into Camp Willmington and drilled. At the beginning of the Vicksburg campaign his regiment was marching south on the west side of the Mississippi river. After passing below Vicksburg an army of 35,000 men was ferried across the river by gunboats, which had successfully run the blockade, and commenced a march northward, when they were engaged at Magnolia Hills. In this battle Mr. Patterson's regiment made a charge, captured three field pieces, and

in the engagement Mr. Patterson suffered a slight wound, but was not disabled, and on May 16th engaged in the battle of Champion Hills, where he was also slightly wounded. He participated in the seige of Vicksburg and was present when the city surrendered. From Vicksburg his regiment marched on and captured Jackson, Miss., thereby opening the river to the Union forces, after which his regiment was sent to New Orleans. Mr. Patterson relates an incident which occurred while General Grant was reviewing the troops. The general's horse became frightened and threw its rider into a pile of railroad iron. Mr. Patterson was the first man to reach the general's side, and assisted him in getting started to the hotel, where he was given first aid.

Mr. Patterson acted as orderly while on provost duty in New Orleans in 1864, after which his regiment was sent to Texas on guard duty, and was there until the close of the war, in 1865. He was mustered out in Brownsville February 3rd, 1866.

After the close of the war Mr. Patterson returned home to Indiana and purchased 80 acres of land from his father, where he engaged in farming after a few months.

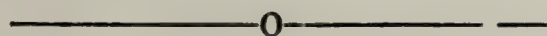
On the 6th day of September, 1866, he was married to Sarah Deeren, who was born in Ohio January 17th, 1844, daughter of James and Nancy (Hineline) Deeren, both natives of Ohio. The Deerens were married in Ohio, but came to Indiana in 1859, and both died there.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are the parents of one child, Ida, born November 7th, 1872, married John Wilson, a native of Dade County, but later they moved to Visalia, Calif., where they now live. They have three children, Thomas Alvin, Doda Alice and Dicy Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have also raised one son of Mrs. Patterson's brother. His name is Omer Deeren, who now lives in the state of Washington.

Mr. Patterson came to Missouri in 1870 and located in Nodaway County, and after three years settled in Bates County, where he remained 16 years, then, in 1889, he settled in Greenfield, where he has resided ever since, except four years, which he spent in the state of Washington. He owns

a small farm of 40 acres seven miles northwest of Greenfield and a fine suburban home in the city. He has been engaged in the meat market business in Greenfield at different times.

Politically Mr. Patterson is not only a Republican, but an outspoken one. He is a man of intense convictions, undaunted courage, and at times exhibits the same traits of character and temper which prompted men to follow "Old Glory" through the storm of shot and shell. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R. at Greenfield, and is fearless in his stand upon all public questions involving right and wrong. This year (1917) he has taken up his residence in Colorado near Lamar.



BOSA HARVEY PATTERSON.

Born September 18th, 1874, in Rock Prairie Township, Dade County, Missouri. Lived on the farm with his parents, the late John A. Patterson and Mary L. Patterson, until he was about 16 years of age. His father was the champion "old-time fiddler" of his day, and Bosa never missed an opportunity to "play on Pap's fiddle" when he was sure his father would be away from home for the day. His father traded for an organ when "B. H." was about 12 years of age, and employed a teacher to give him a term of 24 music lessons. Needless to say, Bosa has 24 "Red Letter" days standing out in his memory. His chief occupation at that particular time was shaving 10 acres of "Postoak" new ground with a "grubbin' hoe," and the first glimpse of his "music teacher" coming down the road was sufficient to cause him to leave his "sprout-cutting" and hike for the house in quickstep time.

But the happiest days must end. One day Bosa overheard the following conversation:

Teacher: "Well, Mr. Patterson, there is no use in my giving that 'brat' lessons any longer."

Father: "Why, what's the matter with him now?"

Teacher: "Well, he has learned everything that I can teach him, and he can play everything that I can, and lots

of pieces that are too hard for me, and I can't see that I can do him any more good."

Father: "All right. I guess he knows enough. I'll put him back to cutting sprouts. How much do I owe you?"

So that ended his musical education without outside help, but Bosa was determined to learn, and overlooked no opportunity to advance himself in music. He saved his pennies and nickels and bought music books and music and studied them, and when he was 16 he decided he could make more teaching music than he could cutting sprouts and clearing new grounds for his board. So he quietly left home and got up a "music class." His father found him, but when it was learned that his earnings were more than enough to pay a full-grown, able-bodied hired man to take his place his father went home and hired the man, and helped Bosa collect from his pupils.

He began composing music when 15 years of age, and has written and composed over 50 pieces. Among those published, the most popular are: "I'm Longing for My Old Missouri Home," "McKinley's Funeral March," "Garden of the Gods" (two-step) and "Balanced Rock Waltz." He publishes a catalogue of about 30 pieces for piano and organ.

Mr. Patterson is a piano tuner and rebuilder of several years' experience, and has held positions with some of the largest music houses in the central west.

He arranges music for piano, band and orchestra, and all stringed instruments.

October 28th, 1915, he married Mrs. Levada Hood Glasscock of Miller, Mo., and is now busy "living happily ever after" at their handsome home on West College street, Greenfield, Mo.

BENJAMIN C. PEMBERTON.

Deceased.

Was born December 28th, 1842, son of E. D. and Elizabeth (Craig) Pemberton, early settlers of Dade County. He was married February 9th, 1868, to Charity Marcum,

who was born February 21st, 1850, daughter of Jonathan W. Marcum. Benjamin C. Pemberton died in Dade County August 16th, 1884, leaving a wife and four children, all of whom are now living:

(1) Leon H., born December 3rd, 1869, married Abbie W. Wike, a native of Illinois. They are now living in Polk Township, engaged in farming. They have seven children.

(2) Virgil H., born September 6th, 1873, is at home.

(3) Ethel L., born January 28th, 1880, married Milas T. Lee, and they live near Everton on their farm, east of town.

(4) Benjamin F., born March 9th, 1882, is still at home.

At the breaking out of the Civil war Benjamin C. Pemberton enlisted in Company A, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and served for three years on the Union side. He was engaged in many battles, both in Missouri and in Arkansas. After the war he farmed part of his father's farm, so that his entire residence during life was upon the same farm. At his father's death he inherited 185 acres of the Pemberton homestead. Since his death his widow and children have continued to live on the same place. They have since purchased 40 acres, so that now the farm consists of 225 acres.

Mr. Pemberton was a Republican, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and also a member of the G. A. R. His family are also members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Pemberton and her boys run the farm, raising quite a number of sheep and hogs, are engaged in general farming, and have 180 acres in cultivation. Virgil and Benjamin reside on the farm at home with their mother. Both are Republicans. Virgil was township collector for two years and also clerk of the school board.

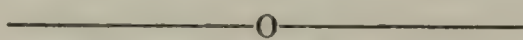
Leon lived at home and managed the farm for a number of years, but is now farming on his own account in Polk Township. Leon and wife have an interesting family of seven children:

(1) Della B., born October 18th, 1895.

- (2) Elkanah B., born October 15th, 1896.
- (3) Gladys, born August 28th, 1898.
- (4) Eliza Margaret, born December 15th, 1901.
- (5) Byron Craig, born March 14th, 1904.
- (6) Leon Herbert, born October 29th, 1908.
- (7) Leo, born March 4th, 1911.

Paul, born December 3rd, 1914, died.

A more extended record of the military services of Benjamin C. Pemberton will be found in the history of his company, which was commanded by Captain William A. Kirby, but it is not out of place to state at this time that he was in the battle of Wet Glaze in 1861, and Lynn Creek. He also was engaged with Price's army at Sugar Creek and in the battle defeating General Coffey in 1862. He did considerable scout duty and was in the battle of Newtonia in 1862, and also at Prairie Grove December 7th, 1862. Witnessed the destruction of several steam boats at Van Buren, Ark., and belonged to the command which drove General Marmaduke out of Missouri in 1863. After this he served mostly on scout and guard duty.



HON. WILLIAM S. PELTS.

The subject of this sketch is a native Missourian to the manor born, having first seen the light of day in Dade County April 10th, 1871. He was the third of seven children born to Benjamin Pelts and Christina Holmes Pelts, the former being now a resident of Lawrence County, his mother having departed this life March 2nd, 1884. His father was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Union army for about two years. Of the seven children five are still living. Pleasant Pelts lives in Ash Grove, Reuben Timothy lives in Lawrence County about three miles south of Ash Grove, John Wesley Pelts is a resident of Stotts City, Mo., while Martha intermarried with one Ed Brown and resides in Lawrence County about six miles south of Ash Grove.

Mr. Pelts is practically a self-made man, having been thrown upon his own resources since 15 years of age, his

first employment being that of a farm hand at \$12.50 per month. Becoming weary of the monotony of farm life, he followed the Santa Fe trail into the territory of New Mexico, and for three years followed mining, railroading and ranching, and at the age of 20 years returned home and invested his savings in a drill-rig. This occupation he followed for many years, investing the proceeds in a 40-acre tract of land lying some three miles southeast of Kingspoint, and he also purchased a homestead relinquishment on the 40 acres adjoining. It was upon this latter tract that he discovered the famous Pelts Lead Mine about the year 1900. After the discovery of the lead, he made a cash entry upon his homestead, and with great energy and enthusiasm sunk a shaft more than 100 feet deep to the mineral deposit. At this juncture Mr. Pelts sold the mine and 30 acres of land to some Kansas City promoters on the installment plan, but the mine was never worked. Later he purchased and improved a 49½-acre tract in the same neighborhood, upon which he now resides. Though small in acreage, it is a splendid stock farm, with plenty of living water and a commodious 80-ton silo. From this farm Mr. Pelts feeds and ships one car of cattle and a number of hogs each year.

On the 11th day of January, 1900, he was married to Eliza Sanders, a native Missouri girl, and to this union was born a daughter, Gladys. His wife departed this life April 15th, 1915. Gladys then became his housekeeper, and, although but 13 years of age, kept the home, attended school, and developed a remarkable musical talent, for which in after years she may become famous.

Religiously Mr. Pelts is a member of the Christian church, of which he has been an elder for five years, and is at this time the president of the County Sunday School Association. In politics he is a staunch Republican. In early life Mr. Pelts had a burning desire to become a lawyer, and to accomplish that end about 20 years ago he entered the law office of Mann & Talbut at the county seat and delved into the intricacies of Blackstone for a period of two years, when his party called him for a

standard-bearer in the campaign of 1902, at which time he was elected by an overwhelming majority to the Missouri legislature, and he served with distinction for two years. At the close of his legislative term the call of the woodland and the scent of burning brush in the spring time induced him to take up his permanent abode on the farm, where he followed the simple life until the campaign of 1916, when he again entered politics, and was again elected to the Missouri General Assembly.

Educationally Mr. Pelts is not a college graduate, but he is a man of broad attainments, well-read and a live wire in matters of public welfare. His one object and aim in life has been to "make Dade County a better place in which to live," and in this effort he has achieved his greatest success. He has succeeded in impressing his personality upon every enterprise in which he has taken part, and in every movement which had for its purpose the betterment of humanity he could always be counted upon as being upon the right side.

Fraternally Mr. Pelts is an Odd Fellow, having attained the Encampment degree, filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodge, and is also a Rebekah and a member of Pennsboro lodge No. 838. The value of such citizenship as is exemplified by the life of Mr. Pelts is hard to estimate, but it is the solid rock upon which the future greatness of the county is founded.

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JAMES M. PICKETT.

Was born in Kenton County, Kentucky, October 1st, 1843, son of A. W. and Polly Pickett, who came to Dade County in 1856, overland, with ox teams and one horse team. James M. was 12 years old at that time, and drove an ox team. His father and mother exchanged land in Kentucky for about 200 acres of land in Dade County. They settled on this land in Sac Township and remained there until the date of their death. His father died in 1880 and his mother in 1872. There were 10 children in this family, James M. being the seventh.

James M. Pickett was at home going to school when the war broke out. He enlisted in Company L, Eighth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, under Captain Ruark. He served over three years and was mustered out at Springfield, Mo. He was engaged in many battles and skirmishes, including the battles of Pea Ridge, Elk Horn, Lone Jack, Wilson Creek and Springfield, and saw almost active, continuous service from the day of his enlistment. He was captured once at Greenfield, but on account of his youth was released. He had many narrow escapes and thrilling adventures, having had one horse shot from under him, one bullet hole through his hat and many through his clothing. He served in several different companies and regiments. Besides his last enlistment, he served in the Sixth Missouri Cavalry, but was so small and so young that he was shifted, but finally landed in the Eighth, where he remained until his final discharge. After the war he returned home, and on August 6th, 1865, married Catharine Underwood, and went to farming. He bought 120 acres of land in North Township and stayed there till 1907, when he went west, visiting Colorado, California, Kentucky and Utah, spending some five years. His wife died April 18th, 1907.

To his first marriage were born seven children:

- (1) Robert L., of Colorado.
- (2) William, of Kansas.
- (3) Lou, now Mrs. John W. Bray of Hartford, Kas.
- (4) Polly, now Mrs. Oliver Grandpre of Trinidad, Colo.
- (5) Frances, now Mrs. C. B. Zeigler of Cleveland, O.
- (6) Ida, now Mrs. Fred Wells of St. Louis, Mo.
- (7) Dolly, now Mrs. J. C. Clopton of Dade County.

Mr. Pickett was again married, December 23rd, 1911, to Sarah E. (Davis) Hoskins, widow of John L. Hoskins, once a farmer of Dade County. He died in Kansas in 1889. She was a daughter of John W. and Armazinda (Lack) Davis. Her father came from Tennessee in an early day, was a veteran of the Civil war and a prominent man of affairs. Her first husband, John L. Hoskins, came

to Dade County with his father from Illinois at he age of 4 years. He was educated in Dade County, married here, and moved to Arkansas, and later on to Kansas, where he died. Four children were born of this marriage:

(1) John Ira, now a telegraph operator for the M., K. & T. railroad, and also station agent.

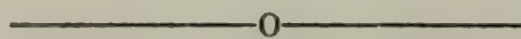
(2) Armazinda E., married William Loveall, and lives in Oklahoma.

(3) Samuel Elden, drowned at the age of 12 years.

(4) Ray Benjamin, now lives in Colorado.

Mr. Pickett is a Republican in politics and is practically retired from active business, but resides, with his wife, on a little farm three miles north of Greenfield. He is an active member of the G. A. R. post at Greenfield, also a member of the A. F. & A. M., also of Greenfield, and in former years was active in school matters, frequently being elected on the board of directors.

Mrs. Pickett has three grandchildren, while Mr. Pickett boasts of 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



JUDGE W. N. POE.

Born in Dade County, Missouri, April 25th, 1846, son of John W. and Matilda Ann (Ferguson) Poe, both natives of Tennessee. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to Arkansas and later, in 1846, they came to Dade County. At first they rented land north of Greenfield, but in 1855 they bought some 300 acres, part of which is still in the Poe family.

W. N. Poe owns 120 acres, upon which he built a good house and convenient outbuildings. He remained at home until the death of his father, which occurred in 1863. At that time they were living on rented land west of Greenfield, their buildings having been burned by the "Bush-whackers." Their fine home had been swept away. This double calamity placed the care of a widowed mother and eight children upon Mr. Poe, then a mere lad of 17 years. Soon after the death of the father, mother and

son decided to return to the home place, desolate as it was, there being neither buildings nor fences left. It was a hard task, but they took up their abode in what was afterward used for a smoke-house until fall, when they erected a log cabin. He cultivated a small crop that year, a Union soldier having given him an old cavalry horse which was pretty well worn out, but during the summer, when most needed, the old horse died, but luck favored him. He later secured a horse from Uncle Jesse Garver, and managed to pull through the season with success.

In 1869 William N. Poe was married to Louisa Cecil, a native of North Carolina. To this union were born four children:

- (1) John W., now in business at Carthage.
- (2) Albert, died at the age of 21 years.
- (3) Arthur, a prosperous farmer of Dade County.
- (4) Dave L., superintendent of the County Poor Farm.

Mrs. Poe departed this life in September, 1888, and is buried in Dade County.

In the year 1893 Mr. Poe was again married, this time to Mrs. Sarah E. (Hampton) Watson, widow of William Watson. She was the mother of seven children by Mr. Watson, five girls and two boys, five of whom are living. Otto lives on the old Watson homestead west of Greenfield, two daughters are in Lamar, Colo., and two daughters are in Sparks, Nev.

Mr. Poe is an active Republican and has served three terms as associate judge of the county court. Has served on the local school board as director many years, and has also been road overser. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Just before the close of the Civil war Mr. Poe enlisted in the Union army, but peace was declared before the regiment was mustered into service.

Mr. Poe is regarded by his neighbors and friends as a man of unquestioned integrity, and he is living a quiet,

retired life on his farm, some five miles southeast of Grenfield, on the waters of Turnback creek.

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ARTHUR POE.

A son of Judge W. N. Poe, born in Dade County, Missouri, September 1st, 1875. Received his education in the district schools of Washington Township. He started in life upon his own account when but 16 years of age, working out for neighbors as a farm hand, and later on spent about one and one-half years in railroad construction work, after which he returned home and cropped with his father for about three years. On the 20th day of October, 1894, he was married to Miss Viola Poor, a native of Dade County, born near Grenfield May 11th, 1875, daughter of Edmond and Sarah (Cotner) Poor, both natives of Indiana, where they were married. The Poores came to Dade County immediately after the war and settled in Greenfield. He was a shoemaker by trade. They came overland in covered wagons, and for many years he followed his trade in the county seat. Later in life they retired to a farm of 100 acres near Greenfield, where they both died, the husband surviving the wife many years. They are both buried in the Greenfield cemetery. They were both members of the Baptist church, and Mr. Poor was a Democrat.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Poe bought 40 acres of land in Washington Township and moved upon it, occupying a small log cabin. Here he worked, clearing out the land, fencing and otherwise improving. He built a new house, barn and other outbuildings, and bought 123 acres of land adjoining, making a farm of 163 acres. In 1912 they had the misfortune of losing their dwelling house by fire, and were obliged to move to another part of the farm and occupy buildings built prior to the war. They lived here two years, when Mr. Poe built a fine seven-room dwelling house, where they now live. It is one of the best farm residences in the county. The farm now consists of 120 acres, lying two miles east and south

of Greenfield, where he conducts a general farming and feeding business, principally raising mules for the market. Mr. and Mrs. Poe are the parents of six children, five of whom are living:

(1) Frank, born March 15th, 1895, married Fern Rook. They are now farming in Washington Township.

(2) Mary Lorena, born January 3rd, 1897, is now attending business college in Springfield.

(3) Ruth Gretella, born December 25th, 1899, married Lloyd Morris, a farmer of Lockwood Township. They have one child, Francis Mardean.

(4) Willard Nelson, born November 17th, 1900, is now attending school.

(5) Delmar, born December 28th, 1907, died May 6th, 1916.

(6) Hadley Albert, born August 4th, 1909, still at home, attending school.

Mr. Poe is a Republican in politics, and both himself and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Fraternally Mr. Poe is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the W. O. W., both of South Greenfield.

Mr. Poe's farm gives evidence of being well cultivated, and the surroundings are both picturesque and attractive. Springs, which everywhere abound, and good wells furnish a never-failing supply of water, and the lands are especially adapted to grazing.

Mr. Poe has always been active in politics and served one term as deputy county assessor.

DAVID LEE POE.

Was born in Washington Township, Dade County, Missouri, December 15th, 1880, son of Judge W. N. Poe, who came to Dade County from Arkansas while yet a baby in arms, and who still resides on a part of the old homestead in Washington Township, at the age of 71 years. He has been prosperous and is now enjoying the quietude of a retired life on the farm. He enlisted for service in the Union army near the close of the war when less than

20 years of age, but peace was declared before his regiment was mustered into the service. W. N. Poe was a Republican, an official member of the Presbyterian church and served as judge of the county court for three terms.

His mother, Louisa (Cecil) Poe, was born in Johnson County, Missouri, of North Carolina parentage, and departed this life in 1888, and is buried in Johnson County. Her parents at one time lived in Dade County, but later returned to Johnson County. She was the mother of four children:

(1) John W., now living at Carthage, Mo., engaged in the transfer business. They have three children.

(2) Albert, died at the age of 21 years.

(3) Arthur, a farmer, married, and living in Washington Township. They have four living children, and one deceased.

(4) David L., the subject of this sketch, was raised on a farm and attended the common schools of the county. Was always a farmer. In March, 1911, he was elected superintendent of the Dade County Poor Farm, and has held the position continuously since that time, to the entire satisfaction of the County Court and the inmates of that infirmary.

On the 18th day of March, 1900, he was married to Mary Poor, a native of Dade County, born December 6th, 1880, daughter of Edwin and Sarah (Cotner) Poor, her father and mother being early settlers of the county, coming from Indiana. Mary was one of a family of six children. Her father was a veteran of the civil war, whose eyesight was greatly impaired in line of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe have three children:

(1) Mary Lee, born in Center Township January 23, 1901.

(2) Edgar Allen, born in Washington Township October 8th, 1906.

(3) Hubert Austin, born in Washington Township January 1st, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe are members of the Christian church. He is an Odd Fellow, a W. O. W., and votes

the Republican ticket. Mr. Poe is an ideal farmer and a splendid official. He and his wife have managed the County Farm in a way and manner which reflects much credit on them and a source of pride to the inhabitants of the county in general.

J. H. POE.

One of the prosperous, energetic business men of the county was born in the state of Tennessee November 7th, 1871. His father, F. M. Poe, and mother, Sarah Ann (Russell) Poe, were both natives of the same state, were married there, and came to Dade County in 1874 and settled near Kings Point. Both are now deceased. F. M. Poe was a farmer by occupation, and died May 26th, 1890, his wife surviving him by almost 20 years, and died in February, 1909. Both are buried in Dade County.

J. H. Poe was their only child. He remained at home until the death of his parents. He first started in the mercantile business at South Greenfield in 1889, and conducted a grocery store at that place till 1904, when he purchased a farm of 160 acres in South and Smith Townships from Uncle Ben Hudspeth. This particular tract of land bears the distinction of never having been mortgaged. Mr. Poe occupied this farm until the year 1914, during which time he built a new dwelling, erected large barns, re-fenced with woven-wire, drilled a deep well, and put it in first-class condition, so that now it is one of the "show places" of the county.

Having the commercial instinct, and possessing the energy and ambition to conduct a dual business, in March, 1914, Mr. Poe purchased the J. W. Griffin stock of general merchandise at Pennsboro, and in 1915 became the owner of the fine, double-decked brick business house, 27x100 feet, which he filled with a \$7,000 stock of goods, consisting of dry goods, general furnishings, groceries, medicines, shoes, and, in fact, everything usually kept in a general store. Elegant living quarters are arranged in this building, making it both comfortable and convenient.

On the 23rd day of November, 1890, Mr. Poe married Laura E. Fuqua, who was born November 23rd, 1875, a daughter of William and Martha E. Fuqua. William Fuqua departed this life August 25th, 1903, having some time prior to his death retired from active business. Her mother still lives in South Greenfield.

Mrs. Poe is the third of a family of six children, all living, viz:

- (1) Ida, now Mrs. F. M. Thompson of Pittsburg, Kan.
- (2) Hattie, now Mrs. J. N. Turner of Trinidad, Colo.
- (3) Mrs. Poe.
- (4) Will Fuqua, residing at Pittsburg, Kan.
- (5) J. H. Fuqua, a merchant at South Greenfield, Mo.
- (6) Lula, now Mrs. Dr. L. S. Copeland of South Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe are the parents of two children, both girls:

- (1) Leona F., born March 31st, 1893, married Wherry Moore, a native of Dade County, in August, 1911, and now resides in Pennsboro.
- (2) Willie Marion, born December 26th, 1894, married Alfred Long in August, 1912, and they now live on the home place. They have one child, Leona Aleen, born April 1st, 1914.

Mr. Poe is an active Democrat, and was assessor of Smith Township three terms. Himself and family are members of the Baptist church, as also were his father and mother before him. His fraternal relations are in keeping with his fraternal nature, having membership in the A. F. & A. M. at Greenfield, and with the I. O. O. F. and W. O. W. at Pennsboro.

Mr. Poe is a public-spirited citizen of that commendable type which places action above words. He is an enthusiastic "good roads" booster, and a staunch advocate of the very best possible schools for the rural communities. He is a man who takes great pride in his business, both in the store and on the farm. He is a breeder of registered Poland-China hogs, and the general appoint-

ments and conveniences of his farm adds much to its attractiveness, as well as value. Mr. Poe is a stockholder in the Bank of Pennsboro, and keeps in close touch with all the enterprises of his community, both social, domestic, as well as financial and fraternal.

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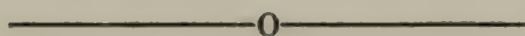
MONTA POINDEXTER.

Of the prominent business men of the younger generation there is none that ranks higher than Monta Poindexter, the cashier of the Bank of Everton. He is a native son of Dade County, having been born in Pilgrim Township on August 31st, 1883, a son of James R. Poindexter, a prominent farmer of Dade County. James R. Poindexter was born in South Township, Dade County, in 1858, and is a son of Robert Poindexter, who was brought to Dade County by his father, William Poindexter, when he, Robert, was a small lad. William Poindexter was a pioneer in every sense of the word. He settled on "Turnback," where he became one of the very largest land owners of the county. He owned several thousand acres of bottom land up and down the Turnback creek. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, while his son, Robert, was a Union soldier in the Civil war. William Poindexter lies buried on Turnback, and Robert is buried at Antioch. They were both large slave owners. James R. Poindexter married Miss Vida Taylor, who was born in Polk Township in 1860, and is a daughter of William and Sarah (Hoyle) Taylor. Mr. Taylor was killed during the Civil war at Lone Jack, Missouri. Mrs. Poindexter is a granddaughter of Uncle Peter Hoyle, pioneer of Dade County, and of whom more will be found in these volumes.

To James R. Poindexter and wife five children were born, as follows: Leslie and Effie died in infancy; Mamie, who married Coe Hudspeth, is deceased; Monta, of this review, and Hugh, who is on the home place.

Monta Poindexter received a fine education, having attended the public schools in the country and graduated at the Everton High school. He completed a course in

business college at Sedalia and also an elementary course at Springfield Normal. He taught in the district schools of Dade County for four years, and in 1908 entered the private banking house of George W. Wilson at Everton, taking the position of assistant cashier and bookkeeper. When Mr. Wilson and his associates reorganized the bank in 1914 Monta Poindexter was elected cashier of this large institution, which position he now holds. He is a fine, courteous young business man, and is well worthy of the high esteem in which he is held by all. We predict a great future for this rising young gentleman, as his name is known far and wide over the county, and he is a credit to our county and to the name of Poindexter, which is saying a great deal, for there is no name that ranks higher in this or any other county of Missouri.



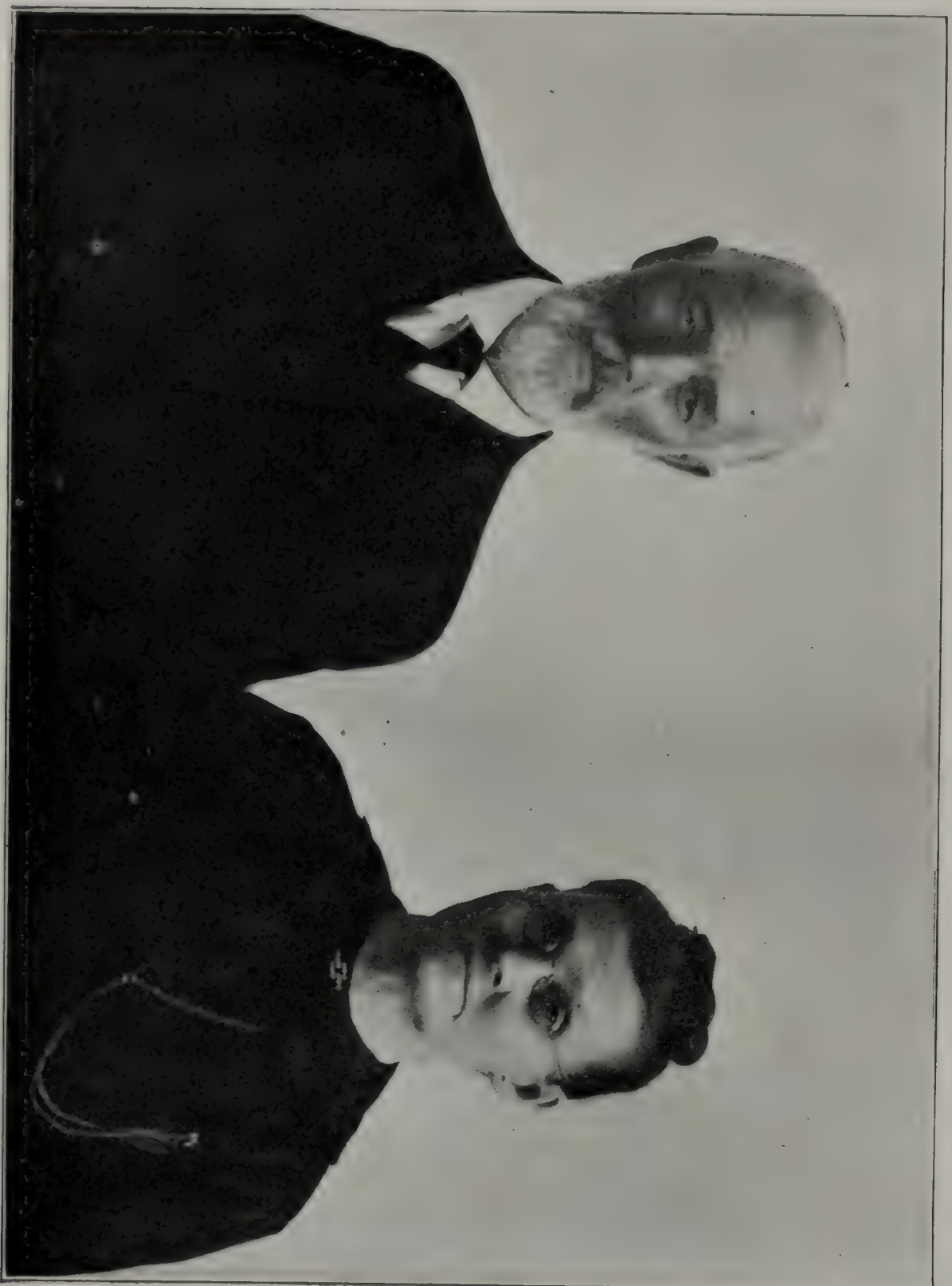
ROY C. POINDEXTER.

While not yet 30 years of age, Roy C. Poindexter has attained success which has been denied many other men of equal opportunity, after a lifetime struggle. He is a native of Dade County, having been born November 24th, 1891, a son of J. T. and Mary (Cates) Poindexter. His father was one of the early settlers of Pennsylvania Prairie, in South Township, and is well and favorably known all over Dade County.

Roy has lived in the county all his life, receiving his education in the common schools, and attended Greenfield High School. He has always been associated with his father in business. He commenced farming for himself when 17 years of age, and very early in life engaged in the business of buying and selling stock. On October 9th, 1913, he was married to Pearl Bishop, a young lady of good family and rare attainments. She was a native of Dade County, a daughter of Thomas J. Bishop, and eligible to membership as a Daughter of the American Revolution.

Two children were born of this marriage:

(1) Royellen, born August 29th, 1914.



JUDGE J. W. WADDLE AND WIFE. PHOTO APRIL 20, 1917.

(2) Dorothy Clem, born August 22nd, 1916.

Mr. Poindexter has made a specialty of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, having at the present time three registered males and one registered female.

These animals are splendid specimens of the breed, and are perfect beauties in appearance. He also has one female eligible to registry.

Mr. Poindexter's farm consists of 260 acres, being a part of the original Poindexter homestead, and is highly improved.

Besides conducting general farming operations, Mr. Poindexter raises a large number of mules, and annually feeds and ships one carload of hogs to market.

He and his wife are each members of the Christian church, and identified with its enterprises. Mr. Poindexter is a Democrat, a member of the township board, interested in good roads and good schools, drives a Ford, and enjoys the distinction of being one of the most progressive and successful farmers in South Township.

Mrs. Poindexter is a graduate of the Greenfield High School and spent two years in Drury College at Springfield, where she gained considerable distinction in literary pursuits. Her Altruistic sentiment finds expression in the "Ladies' Club of Pennsboro," of which she is a charter member and active worker. It has for its object and purpose the betterment of living conditions in rural communities, and extends its influence both into the church and into the home.

WILFORD H. POLLARD.

Deceased.

At the time of his untimely demise, Wilford H. Pollard was one of the most prominent business men of the thriving city of Lockwood, Dade County. He had built up a furniture business second to none in the county, and it is to his credit that he was a self-made man, and he earned his success by well-directed effort and wise

and honest business methods. Mr. Pollard was born near Bloomfield, Ia., September 17th, 1874, the son of A. M. and Jane (Harris) Pollard, natives of Kentucky and Indiana, respectively. Mr. Pollard Sr. was a stock and dairy man during his active life, and in later life was a resident of Lockwood, where he died March 27th, 1914, and his wife passed away on the same day in March the year following. Wilford H. Pollard received his education in Iowa and came to Dade County in 1894. He followed farming for a time, then opened a feed store, which he conducted for a few years, but in 1900 he purchased a grocery store, and two years later established a furniture store, and ran this business under the name of the Lockwood Furniture Company. This business he found to his liking, and he built up the largest store in the city, and, in fact, the largest of its kind in the county. Mr. Pollard received his best inspiration in life when he married Miss Eva A. Yoder, a native of Dade County. They were married June 1st, 1898. She is a daughter of J. D. and Melvina (Lyons) Yoder, early settlers of Dade County. Mr. Yoder is now engaged in the grocery business, and is considered one of our best citizens. Mr. Pollard was prominent in the I. O. O. F. at Lockwood; he was a Democrat in politics, and took active part in civic life. To Mr. and Mrs. Pollard were born three children, namely, Velma, Arla May and Leo Bell, all at home and attending school. Mrs. Pollard is a member of the Baptist church of Lockwood and enjoys the reputation of being a thorough business woman, for it is well known that at the time of Mr. Pollard's sudden death that she took complete charge of his large business interests, and has managed the business in a truly remarkable manner, and thereby earned for herself the reputation of one of the very few successful woman managers in the entire country. Her fine furniture store is a credit to Lockwood and Dade County, and of herself and family we are all justly proud.

WILLIAM M. PRESTON.

Few men have a wider acquaintance and are better known in Dade County than William M. Preston. He is related by blood and marriage to many of the families who have made Dade County history. His father, Isaac Preston, was for many years an active, energetic business man of Lockwood, Mo., and possessed that pleasing personality which marked him as a man among men.

William M. Preston is a native of Dade County, born February 13th, 1856, a son of Isaac and Susan (Friar) Preston. His father died in 1903, but his mother is still living and active, although 85 years of age.

William remained at home until he attained the age of 33 years, engaged in stock raising and agricultural pursuits, in which he was very successful, and in 1888 he purchased 300 acres of land, where he now resides. Since that time he has wonderfully improved the same, building a splendid dwelling in 1901, which, together with barns, granaries and other outbuildings, make it one of the best farms in Smith Township. Mr. Preston has added 220 acres to his original purchase, 200 acres of which lies near Kings Point. He is actively engaged in general farming, feeding, stock raising and shipping, of both hogs and cattle. In live stock matters his judgment is par excellent.

On the 30th day of May, 1889, he married Minnie Pierce, who was born April 18th, 1865, a daughter of Howard and Mary (Mossman) Pierce, the former being a native of New York, while the latter was a native of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were married in Indiana, and came to Dade County in 1871 and settled on a farm west of Lockwood, where they lived until 1894, when they moved to Chicago, in which city Mr. Pierce died in 1915, and where his widow still resides.

William M. Preston and wife are the parents of three children, all boys, viz:

(1) Isaac F., born March 30th, 1890, and resides on a farm in Smith Township. He is a graduate of the

Springfield Business College, and completed a short course in mining and agriculture at Columbia.

(2) Will C., born May 6th, 1892. Is a graduate of the State University at Columbia, class of 1917, and distinguished himself on the gridiron as well as in the classroom, making the football team and gaining an "M" on the athletic field.

(3) Paul Pierce, born January 13th, 1897, is still at home with his parents.

Mr. Preston and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and are active workers in every department thereof. He is a Democrat in politics, and, while, not a politician, his face is familiar to all who attend the conventions of that party. For four years he was president of the Dade County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, one of the largest mutual companies in the state, and his activities have contributed much to its success. He was also an active member of the Dade County Agricultural Society.

He enjoys the luxury of a Ford car, and is an enthusiastic "good roads" booster, so that walking may not become a pleasure. His farm home is modern in every respect, being equipped with an acetylene lighting plant and other twentieth century conveniences.

JASPER N. PRESTON.
Deceased.

One of our highly respected citizens who has passed to the great beyond was Jasper N. Preston. He was a native of Dade County, born August 22, 1855, and was a son of Harrison and Louisa (Hembree) Preston. The father was a native of Kentucky and is now deceased, while the mother is still living, and resides in Guthrie, Okla.

Jasper Preston received the advantages of a good education, and was a merchant at Arcola, Dade County, Missouri, where he run a general store some ten years. He was not a strong man physically, and spent many

years of his life in Colorado for the benefit of his health. At the time of his untimely demise, April 14, 1906, he owned a farm of 94 acres in Smith Township, and upon which he built a very fine residence, which is today occupied by his widow. Mr. Preston was married September 5, 1886, to Miss Josephine Rountree, who was born April 18, 1864, in Dade County, a daughter of Rufus Rountree and Lucretia Hopkins, his wife.

Mrs. Preston was fifth in order of birth of a large family of eleven children, nine of whom are living. To Mr. and Mrs. Preston were born four children, three of whom are living. A brief record of them is as follows: Zula L., born September 5th, 1889, married John F. Ragsdale, a farmer of Washington Township (a complete sketch of whom may be found elsewhere); Mary Pearl, born June 3, 1891, died October 28th, 1894; Ruby Harrison, born October 13th, 1892, is an accomplished young lady, and resides on the home place with her mother, Flosie Lucretia, born December 28th, 1895, married Marion Steinrod, and they are living at Dadeville, where he is a mail carrier. Mrs. Preston lives in her fine residence, which is certainly one of the very best country dwellings in the county. She rents out her land, as a rule, but takes the active management, and is more or less active, as she raises some stock. Mrs. Preston and her family are members of the Presbyterian church and are very highly respected.

The Rountree family, of which Mrs. Preston is a descendant, were among the very first pioneer settlers of southwest Missouri. As early as 1867 Joseph Rountree, at that time 85 years of age, wrote a reminiscent and traditional history of the Rountree family, and which is herewith produced verbatim:

TRADITION.

“A tradition respecting the origin of the name of the Rountree family from Joseph Rountree, December 18th, 1867:

“A good many years ago there was a male child found in Yorkshire, England, by a rich landlord under a rowan tree, otherwise called mountain ash, but in England called ROWAN tree. The child was dressed in very rich clothing, which bespoke for its wealthy parentage. The kind-hearted landlord took it home and raised it as if it was his own child. Not knowing its origin, he named it ROWAN-TREE, after the tree under which it had been found.

“The boy grew up and was educated by his foster-father, and in time married and raised a family, and they became numerous.

“When William II, King of England, dethroned his father-in-law, King James II, King James then went to Ireland and raised a large army of Irish, thinking to get himself reinstated on the throne of England, but William III raised a large army in England, and went to Ireland, and there were two brothers of the Rowantrees that went over with his army. After the battle of Boynewater, when William's army conquered James' army, William then disbanded a part of his army and the two Rowantrees were in that part of the force that was disbanded, and they concluded to remain in Ireland. One of them stopped in the south part of Ireland and married among the Celtic race of people or nation of that country, and but little is known of his generation.

“The other brother settled in the north of Ireland and married among the Anglo-Saxons, who previous to that time had populated that part of Ireland. He raised his family there and in time they became numerous.

“When there was a great immigration from Ireland to the Province of Virginia in North America, one old man named Rowantree took passage for himself and family for Virginia. Before the ship was ready to sail his younger son took smallpox and was not admitted aboard the ship, and, as passage had been paid, he and six of his sons went on the ship and settled in Nancemund County, Virginia, and from this family of Rowantrees

the various families that are scattered over the United States sprang.

“The seventh son, that was left in the care of his mother, recovered from the smallpox, and from that son our family sprung. He remained in Ireland and raised a family, and they multiplied and became numerous. When Uncle Joseph, my father, was 19 years old, he took passage in a ship for America and stopped in the Province of Pennsylvania, and worked at the ship carpenter’s trade for two or three years. He then went back to Ireland, and after staying there a few years he married Eva Sturgis, and after his marriage they took passage for America. They stopped in Pennsylvania, remaining there until three of their children were born, then emigrated to North Carolina. There the balance of their children were born, and there they died, and their earthly remains lie buried in the graveyard at Little Run Meeting House.

“My father and mother raised six sons and two daughters to be grown, one son and daughter dying in infancy. The six sons were named William, John, Charles, Andrew, Thomas and (myself) Joseph. My sisters’ names were Rachael and Lydia Rowantree, and my father’s name was Thomas.

“By some means the family have been spelling their name Rountree instead of Rowantree, but that is not proper, for they took the name from the tree under which that boy baby was found.

“We all raised families except William and Thomas, and we are scattered in different states. William died a single man. Thomas married, but raised no children. I raised a family of eight children to be grown. Six sons and two daughters. My sons are James Mendreth, Zanner Marion, Lucious Alexander, Margavin Jerome, Almna Linnacus and Allen Jones. My daughters’ names are Louisa Amanda and Almanda Caroline. My children all have families except Allen Jones. He died a young man. I immigrated from North Carolina to Tennessee in 1819, and from Tennessee to Missouri in the winter

of 1830, and in 1831 got my family to where Springfield now stands on the 16th day of January. It is now the 18th day of December, 1867. On the 14th day of last April I was 85 years of age, and am now in good health.

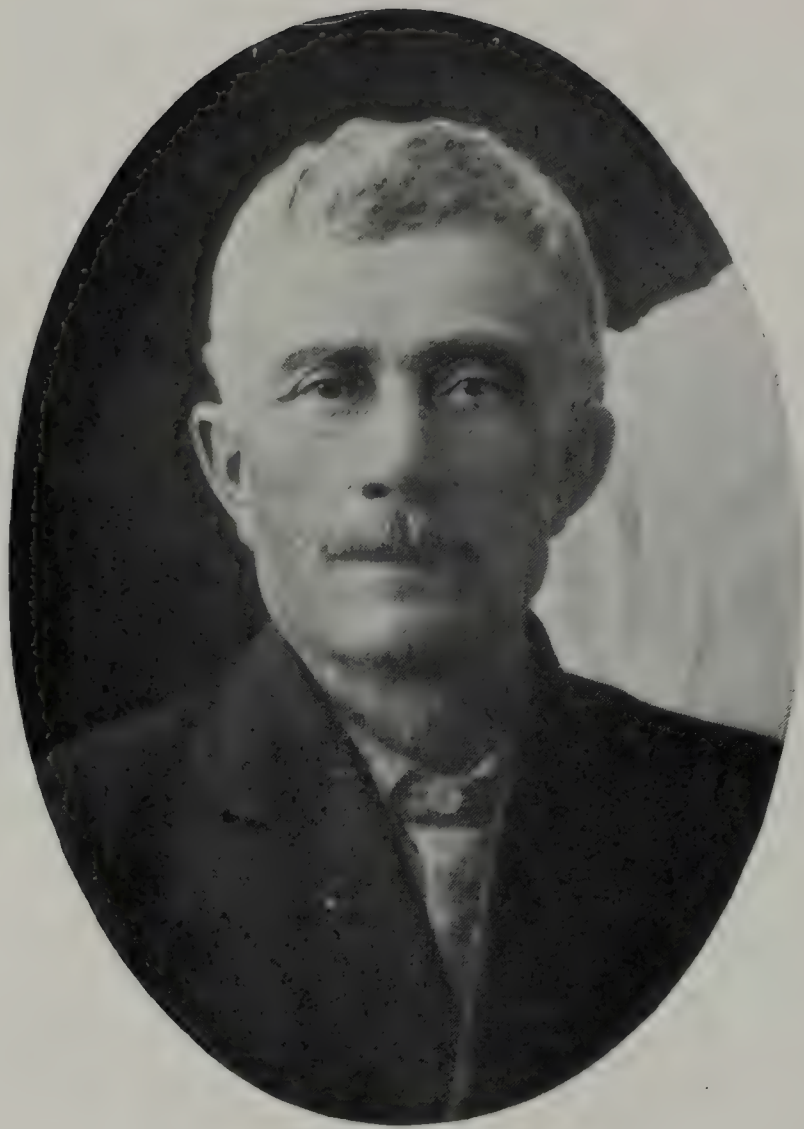
(Signed) "JOSEPH ROUNTREE."

W. P. PRIDDY.

One of the substantial farmers of South Township. Was born in Dade County, Missouri, October 14th, 1861, son of Benjamin A. and Nancy J. (Scott) Priddy. Benjamin A. Priddy was born June 5th, 1820, in Hanover County, Virginia, while his wife, Nancy Jane Scott, was born about the year 1824. They were married about 1847. John H. Priddy, the grandfather of W. P. Priddy, was born in Virginia January 4th, 1787, of English parentage. His wife, Nancy Harris, also a native of Virginia, was born March 13th, 1794.

The Priddys were farmers in Virginia and emigrated to Dade County in an ox wagon in 1839, being a long time on the road. They brought a family of four children, Benjamin A. Priddy being the only boy. They settled on Limestone Creek on the farm now owned by Smith Pelts. Benjamin A. Priddy built the first house on this land. There were no saw mills in the country at that time, so that the lumber was sawed by him and his brother by hand for the floors, doors and gabel ends, the rest of the house being built out of logs. Nancy Jane (Scott) Priddy, the mother of W. P. Priddy, was a sister of D. W. Scott, familiarly known as Uncle Bud Scott. She was the mother of six children, five boys and one girl.

At the breaking out of the Civil war Benjamin A. Priddy enlisted in the Confederate army in Company A, Third Missouri Cavalry, and served throughout the war. He was paroled at Shreveport, La., and returned to his home in Dade County, intending to move to Texas. They started in the winter of 1865-66, but got only as far as Arkansas, where he stopped to raise a crop, and worked



W. O. WILSON.



W. S. WILSON AND FAMILY.
At Home in Polk Township.

also at the carpenter trade. The principal reason for stopping in Arkansas was the fact that the yoke of oxen he was working to the wagon died, leaving him but one horse, so that going on was out of the question. The older boys of the family worked out at anything they could find to do, and after about one year the father died. Joseph J., the oldest boy, then came back to Dade County to make some arrangements about moving the family back. At this time Lewis Renfro and Sanford Bowles were starting for Texas, and on their return home they came back through Arkansas and hauled the Priddy family to their home in Dade County, thereby gaining their everlasting praise for this act of lasting friendship.

On their return to Dade County the family took up their residence on the old homestead, where the mother again married in September, 1871, to an old doctor by the name of B. M. Murwin. Shortly afterward they moved to the Indian Territory, taking the two youngest boys with them. In 1872 they moved back to Joplin, where the mother died, leaving the two little boys among strangers. Two kind-hearted women took these children and inquired of them concerning their relatives, and were informed that Aunt Mary Bird, who lived in Dade County, was a sister of their father. They wrote to her, and in a short time she came with her sister and a friend who stayed with them and brought the boys home with them. They lived on Sac river, northeast of Everton. They stayed there during the winter of 1873, and went with them to Taney County, where they remained till fall, when the family, in moving from there to Joplin, left the boys at Mt. Vernon. A friend brought them to Dade County, where they made their permanent home.

On coming to Dade County from Mt. Vernon, W. P. Priddy went to live with a cousin, Dan B. Scott, where he remained for five years, working on the farm in the summer and attending school in the winter. Afterwards he worked first in one place and then another, attending

school only a small portion of the time. He spent two winters and one summer with William Slakel, attending school three months during the time. He worked at various places during the summer of 1881, and spent the winter with E. T. Chappel, attending school four months. This was his last school. The following spring and summer he worked out, receiving 50 cents per day as wages. In the spring of 1883 he arranged with Dan B. Scott to crop with him. He stayed with Mr. Scott three years, buying a team in the meantime. He was a tenant farmer until the spring of 1889, when he went to Oklahoma in the grand rush for claims. Failing to get a claim in Oklahoma, he returned to Dade County, where he farmed in the summer months and worked at the carpenter trade in the winter, till 1895, when he bought the place where he now resides. He gave \$2,090 for this tract of land, paying \$300 down. The place was only partly improved, but Mr. Priddy moved onto it, cleared out and put more in cultivation each year. At this time he had three horses and some hogs. The task was a hard one. Sometimes crops were poor, but interest and taxes always came due. It was a struggle, but industry and perseverance won. In a few years Mr. Priddy began to climb toward the top financially. On the 2nd day of May, 1906, he married Louisa E. Lollar, daughter of James T. Lollar, a prominent farmer of South Township.

From the records of the Priddy family, which are worn and yellow with age, but interesting, nevertheless, we gather the following facts:

John H. Priddy, born January 4th, 1787.

Nancy (Harris) Priddy, born March 13th, 1794.

John H. Priddy and Nancy Harris were married May 12th, 1814. (These were the paternal grandparents of W. P. Priddy.)

These entries in the family register are followed by a long list of the Bowles and Harris families, written in that peculiar flourishing style of the eighteenth century, which marks it as a rare specimen of antiquity.

Of Mr. Priddy's brothers and sister, we gather the following:

Joseph J. (brother), now deceased.

John Daniel (brother), a resident of Newton County.

Benjamin F. (brother), lives in Kansas.

Elizabeth F. (sister), now Mrs. George Hoover.

W. P. Priddy (the subject of this sketch.)

Thomas J. (brother), a resident of Dade County.

Mrs. Priddy's mother's maiden name was Lydia Smith, a native of Dade County. James T. Lollar and Lydia Smith were married in Dade County, Missouri, and were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are still living. Mrs. Priddy is the eighth child in point of birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Priddy are the parents of one child, William Bryan Priddy, born January 8th, 1908, who is at home, attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Priddy are members of the Christian church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Pennsboro, joining in 1905.

In politics Mr. Priddy is a staunch Democrat. He was elected justice of the peace in 1909, and has continued in that office to the present time. He has been township chairman of the Democratic committee for four years, and has served on the school board about eight years. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Pennsboro, and well fixed financially. His farm consists of 83 acres, all in cultivation, and improved with a comfortable dwelling house. Mr. Priddy is a self-made man, proud of his home and contented with his lot in life. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is a carpenter by trade and a good workman. Few men stand higher in the estimation of their neighbors for honesty and integrity than Mr. Priddy. His life is a living example of what a poor boy under the most adverse circumstances may accomplish by honesty, industry and faithful perseverance.

WILLIAM JONES PYLAND.

A native of Tennessee, was born November 21st, 1850, a son of Bennett Pyland and Elizabeth Pyland (cousins), both born in North Carolina, but married in Tennessee. They came to Dade County in 1851, when William J. was a baby. Settled near Dadeville on rented land, where they remained for one year, then moved to Greene County for two years, after which they purchased the land where William J. Pyland now lives. This tract consisted of 40 acres, little improved, with a one-room log cabin chinked with cobs and mud with a stick chimney. Here they lived for six years, and here they prospered. He built an addition to the house, entered 80 acres of land adjoining, and at the time of his death he was the owner of 200 acres in one body. Bennett Pyland was born June 25th, 1804, and died October 22nd, 1883, on the home place in Dade County. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the M. E. church. Elizabeth Pyland, his wife, was born May 19th, 1812, and died on the home place in 1892.

William J. Pyland was of a family of nine children, two boys and seven girls:

(1) Terressa C., born March 19th, 1833, now deceased. She married J. M. Routh, also deceased.

(2) Permelia A., born February 19th, 1835, married John Lyman, and both are now deceased. He was a soldier in the Union army.

(3) Clarinda A., born March 3rd, 1838, now the widow of W. L. Lee, and lives on the old Lee homestead in Dade County.

(4) Melissa D., born March 18th, 1841, married William McDaniel, both now deceased. They left four children, who were taken and raised by William J. Pyland. They were: Ama W., now deceased; Joseph K., now living in Oregon at Freewater, a teacher and farmer; Bessie W., married C. R. McCalley, who is an accomplished musician and is prominent on the platform, and Laura P., who married W. J. Douglas, a Methodist preacher at Ashland, Ore. Mr. Pyland raised and edu-

cated these children with as much care as if they had been his own.

(5) Sarah P., born January 2nd, 1843, married Jasper Blair, both living in Portland, Ore. He is a veteran of the Civil war.

(6) Louisa Ann, born December 8th, 1844, married Frame Blair, both now deceased. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

(7) Emaline A., born December 10th, 1846, married J. C. Galbraith, now deceased. She resides in Portland, Ore. He was a veteran of the civil war.

(8) Joseph B., born October 19th, 1848, now living at Oswego, Kas.

(9) William J. Pyland, born November 21st, 1850.

William J. Pyland, being the youngest child, he remained upon the farm for 61 years, never deserting his father and mother. He received but a meager education in the common schools of the county, and has always been a farmer. After the death of his mother he bought out the other heirs, and now owns 120 acres of the old homestead. In 1903 he rebuilt the dwelling house, so that now it is a fine residence.

On the 13th day of December, 1893, he was married to Cora A. Kirby, born January 3rd, 1879, daughter of C. J. and Martha Speight Kirby, both now deceased. She was the youngest of a family of four children.

William J. Pyland and wife are the parents of three children:

(1) Vernon E., born January 10th, 1895, received a good education, finished at Springfield State Normal, received a life certificate in 1915, and began teaching at Ashland, Ore., in the primary department, where she is now located.

(2) Velma J., born February 21st, 1897, has good education, spent some time at State Normal, but finally decided upon a musical education. Is now studying music at Springfield, Mo.

(3) Theda P., born April 9th, 1900. Is now attending the State Normal School.

William J. Pyland is a Republican and has been a school director for many years. Both he and his family are members of the M. E. church, in which organization he has been an elder for many years.

Mr. Pyland is engaged in general farming, raises some good horses and mules, is a careful, painstaking farmer, and is a live wire on the question of good schools. Fraternally he is a member of the W. O. W.

The Pyland family were of Welsh descent, coming across the water prior to the Revolutionary war. Robbin and Caroline (Bell) Pyland were the grandparents of both Bennett and Elizabeth Pyland, they being cousins. Bennett Pyland was a son of William and Abigail (Jones) Pyland. Abigail Jones was a daughter of Jesse and Winnifred (Speight) Jones. Elizabeth Pyland was a daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Coplin) Pyland, Anna Coplin being a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Johnson) Coplin. William J. Pyland's grandfather, William Pyland, had four brothers and one sister, viz: James, John, Benjamin, Robbin and Nan Elizabeth, who married Alsie Smart and moved to Georgia. Elizabeth Pyland, the mother of William J. Pyland, had three brothers and two sisters: Cullen, James, Carney, Celia and Cloe. William Pyland was twice married, his second wife being Annie Haithcon. Bennett Pyland had four brothers and two sisters of the whole blood: Benjamin, Berton, Bluford, Billy, Winnifred and Rebecca, and five brothers and four sisters of the half-blood: Britton, Blakley, Buckston, Branson, Brandford, Elizabeth, Caparity, Nancy and Delitha.

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WILLIAM K. PYLE.

Was a son of William Pyle Sr. and his wife, Hannah, born Standlee; the father of English and the mother of Scottish descent. The elder Pyle, whose original ancestors in America came over with Willian Penn, emigrated from the vicinity of Pinkneyville, Ill., near which place William K. Pyle spent his childhood and youth, to

Dade County, Missouri, in the year 1850, bringing with him his entire family, which consisted of his wife and several sons and daughters, the sons being all of the tall pioneer type. These sons, as well as the daughters, are now all dead, Carter S. having died in Kansas in the early 70's; David, the oldest son, in Tennessee in 1881, and Claudius L. (uncle Less), in January, 1913, in Dade County, Missouri.

William Pyle Sr. settled near the old Mt. Zion church in Sac Township, or, rather, not far from where that church was after located, he being one of the organizers of it. He preached there occasionally, or, maybe, regularly, for a while, being an early adherent of Alexander Campbell and member of the Christian, or Disciples', church. Besides preaching, he tilled the soil, ran the Seybert mill for a while, and, to diminish the monotony, read a great deal out of some ancient histories and other books, which he was fortunate in possessing, and of whose contents he was thoroughly familiar. Died in the year 1875, not rich, but well esteemed.

William K. Pyle, while still a young man and in a few years after coming to this country, married a distant relative of his, a daughter of Benjamin Pyle, an early settler here. Of this marriage were born Sheridan B., Siria O. (Mrs. Brayshaw), and Rosalia, who died in December, 1876. His wife having died some time before 1860, and the war of the Rebellion coming on in 1861, he entered the Missouri Home Guards, as he wished to be near his family. He afterwards served as second lieutenant of Company I, Fifteenth Missouri Regiment, Cavalry Volunteers, to the conclusion of the war. Married again December 31st, 1868, this time Mary E. Finley, who is still living and who was born in Dade County (then Polk) December 29th, 1839. There were born of this marriage: Willie (now Mrs. Hamner), Elmer E. and Jessie (Mrs. Dawson.) He entered land not far from where Cane Hill now is, and began clearing up the same about the time of his first marriage, but afterward sold this to G. N. Alder; continued, however, to reside in that

vicinity on a farm in Dade County, which he bought in 1867, or at Dadeville, alternating two or three times, till his removal to Greenfield February 9th, 1881.

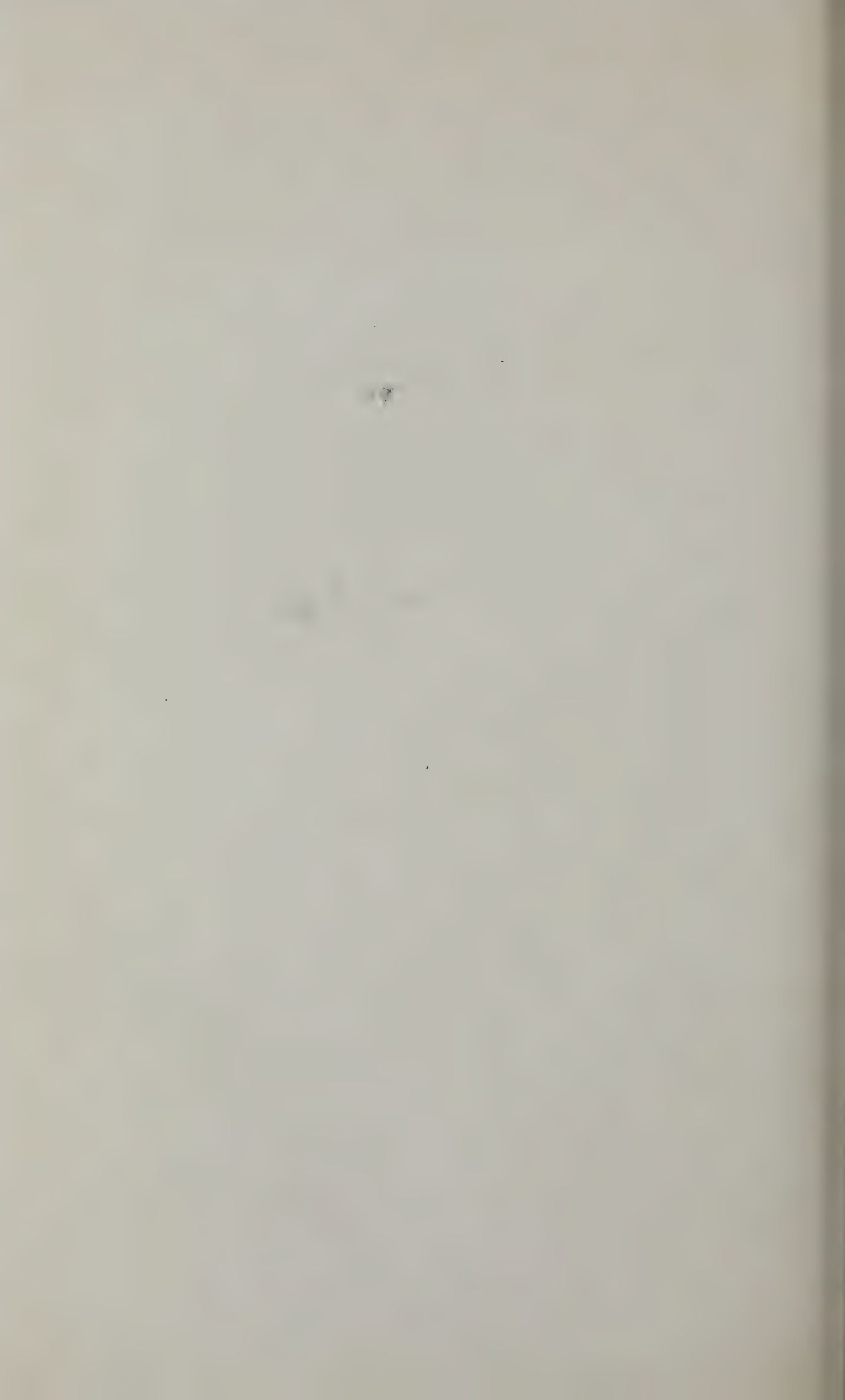
In early manhood he began to study law, when procured Blackstone somewhere. His opportunities for education had been considerably less than of at least two of his brothers. The task of taking care of a family and of procuring books, or getting any kind of instruction in the backwoods of primitive Dade County, couldn't be overcome, so the notion of becoming a lawyer was given up.

At the close of the war he was elected Representative to the Missouri Legislature, re-elected in 1868, and again in 1872, after an interval of one term. Having had several years of experience in public life, and owing somewhat to rheumatic attacks, which interfered with other pursuits, he took up the study of law again, this time more seriously, and was admitted to the bar at Greenfield, Mo., in company with Mason Talbutt and George E. Bowling, in 1879. In 1880 he assisted in the defense of one Ernest, who was on trial for murder. Was elected prosecuting attorney in the fall of 1880, re-elected in 1882, and again in 1884; elected probate judge in 1886, making his seventh time to be elected to office in Dade County.

His six years as prosecuting attorney were coeval with Judge Burton's term as judge of this circuit, and the greatest amity and good will ever existed between them. This was rather an exciting period. The K. C. & Gulf Railroad had been built to Dade County and was advanced as far as South Greenfield in the winter of 1880-1881. There were everyday brawls, and "knock-outs" on the part of construction hands (Irish) for several months. In June, 1881, occurred the assassination of Marshal McElwrath by Taylor Underwood in the saloon at Greenfield. He and others pursued Underwood down the hill, eastward from the square, until they were brought to a sudden halt by Underwood's bullets, he being at the time of small stature and unarmed. A few



J. C. GRISHAM AND FAMILY.



days afterward (the night of July 2nd or 3rd) a mob, supposed to have been formed principally in northern Dade County, came to Greenfield, and, going to the sheriff's home, which was somewhere west of the Ozark College building, overpowered the sheriff (George W. Whiteside), obtained the keys to the county jail from him, and, leaving Whiteside tied hand and foot and gagged under an apple tree near the east line of the college inclosure (whither they had brought him), proceeded to the jail, and, getting possession of three of the four prisoners confined there without opposition except on the part of one prisoner Craft, who fought desperately but in vain, hanged them to locust trees near the west door of the courthouse.

The prisoners had been brought to Greenfield from the Arcola neighborhood by Uel Murphy and B. A. Pyle on the day of McElwrath's murder, but were not gotten here till after the killing. A mob had followed them for several miles, threatening. These men were believed to have been engaged, along with Underwood, and under his leadership, in stealing horses and hurrying them out of the country into the Indian Territory; and one of the men, Box Mitchell by name, confessed that they were organized for such a business, and on account of this confession he was spared by the mob. He served several years at Jefferson City upon a plea of guilty, and died a few days after his release or pardon at or near his old abode of tuberculosis. Underwood was captured within a few weeks following his escape and was sentenced, after a mistrial or so, to a term of 99 years in the Missouri state prison. He was eventually pardoned by the governor, and is now living in the state of Oklahoma.

Many other things which cannot be told here for lack of room happened during those six years, which made them very stirring and busy years for a prosecuting attorney, and kept his office from being a sinecure by any means.

After his retirement from the office of probate judge, for which he was nominated by the Republican conven-

tion without his knowledge, he entered into the practice of law so far his increasing ill health would permit, but was compelled within a few years to retire from that and all other pursuits. From the time of his removal to Greenfield, and for years before, he was seldom ever free from bodily pain. Rheumatism, which he believed he contracted while following the "Price Raid," in a severe rainstorm, rendered the last years of his life years of suffering, and finally wore down his once vigorous constitution. He lived always temperate, forebore the use of medicines, practically, after due trial of them, and finding that they were useless in his case, and he steadfastly refused opiates to the last day of his life. He died December 17th, 1896, aged 66 years and some months.

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HON. SHERIDAN B. PYLE.

Son of William K. and Artimisia Pyle, was born in Dade County September 21st, 1856, near the line of Cedar County. William K. Pyle was one of the early settlers of Dade County. He came as a young man in the early 40's, and married here. His wife was a native of Kentucky, her people coming to Missouri in 1832, settling in Greene County, and later came to Dade County, where she met and married William K. Pyle. She departed this life in 1861, and he was later married to Mollie Finley, a native of Dade County. William K. Pyle was an active Republican, a veteran of the Civil war, serving about three years. After he returned from the war he was admitted to the bar and served as prosecuting attorney of Dade County for three terms, served as probate judge one term and served in the state legislature for two terms. He departed this life in 1892.

Sheridan B. Pyle was the second of a family of three children. His sister, now living, is Lysira Brayshaw of Lawrence County. He also has two half-sisters and one-half-brother:

- (1) Elmer E. Pyle.
- (2) Mrs. Jessie Dawson.

(3) Mrs. Willie Hamner.

Sheridan B. Pyle was raised by his grandparents and remained with them until he received his education, after which he engaged in teaching school in Dade County. He was married on the 31st day of March, 1877, to Matie Underwood, a daughter of Lewis and Nancy (Barber) Underwood, both of whom are still living. They are thoroughly imbued with the pioneer spirit and now reside in Oregon. He was a practical surveyor. Mrs. Pyle was a native of Minnesota, born March 5th, 1858, and came with her people to Dade County after the war.

Mr. Pyle has been more or less of a miner, having been engaged in that occupation both before and after his marriage. He mined in Galena, Kas., for about one year. About the year 1880 he was employed in the general merchandise store of Captain E. J. Morris in Dadeville as clerk, but at the end of 18 months became the proprietor, and conducted the business on his own account until 1900, when he opened up a drug store in Dadeville, which he has since conducted.

Mr. Pyle is a staunch Republican in politics, a man of pleasing personality, a public speaker of considerable note and always on the firing line in campaign times. He also has the distinction of being a 32nd degree Mason. He was educated at the Morrsville Academy in Polk County.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyle are the parents of two boys:

(1) Roscoe G., born March 21st, 1881, married Crete Dunaway, and is an electrician by occupation, and resides at Carthage, Mo. They have two children, Gerald and Thelma.

(2) Leslie C., born October 23rd, 1884, married Nora Stradley, a native of Nebraska, and for a few years he lived upon a large ranch, which he owned, at Rogerson, Idaho. Three children were born to this marriage: Byron, Eileen and Rahleigh.

HOWARD RAGSDALE.

Was born in Greenfield, Dade County, Missouri, August 16th, 1869, son of Benjamin F. and Nancy E. (Buckner) Ragsdale. His father was born in Greenfield in 1843, a son of Joshua and Sarah Ragsdale, early pioneers of the county, who came from Carolina in ox-teams away back in 1837, and settled five miles southwest of Greenfield on the prairie, entering 1,200 acres of government land. They hauled their timber from the Limestone neighborhood for fencing and houses. After improving the land he gave liberally of it to each of his children as they grew to maturity. There were eight children in this family, viz: Alexander, Harrison, Thomas, Andrew, Benjamin Franklin, Sarah (Mrs. McLemore), Harriet (Mrs. S. W. Cox) and Jane (Mrs. Alex Morris), all of whom lived and died in Dade County. They are all buried on the old home place.

Benjamin F. Ragsdale, the father of the subject of this sketch, was given 120 acres of land by his father, and from time to time he bought out the interest of the other heirs, until at the time of his death, November 30th, 1899, he owned some 700 acres of the old Joshua Ragsdale homestead. Nancy E. Ragsdale died in July, 1910.

Howard Ragsdale lived on a farm, attended the common schools of the country, and remained at home until 24 years of age, when he entered the law office of Mason Talbutt at Greenfield, and studied law until 1897, when he was admitted to the practice. In addition to his common school education, Mr. Ragsdale had also attended Ozark college in Greenfield. On being admitted to the bar he established a law office in Everton, where he remained for 12 years, and in 1909 moved to Ash Grove and continued the practice of law, and also engaged in the real estate business in the firm of Mortemyer & Ragsdale, where he is now enjoying a splendid business.

In politics Mr. Ragsdale is a "red-hot" Republican. In 1906 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Dade County and served one term. In 1899 he was elected a member of the Missouri legislature from Dade County

and served one term. Since coming to Ash Grove he has been city attorney.

On the -17th day of May, 1898, he enlisted in Company H, Fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in the Spanish-American war, and attained the rank of sergeant. He had been second lieutenant of the same company while in the state service. On being mustered into the Federal service it became necessary to recruit the company with members of another company, and in the new alignment the office of second lieutenant went to the other company. This company was mustered out November 6th, 1898, just as they were preparing to embark for Cuba.

Fraternally Mr. Ragsdale is a member of the Masonic lodge at Everton, the Royal Arch at Ash Grove and Zabud Commandery at Springfield. He holds his Odd Fellow membership at South Greenfield and K. of P. at Ash Grove.

He was married in September, 1899, to Ellen Finley, who was born at Greenfield, Mo., February 1st, 1879, daughter of Milton and Susan (Stephenson) Finley, one of the prominent families of the community. Mr. Ragsdale and wife have no children.

Howard Ragsdale was the oldest of a family of 11 children:

- (1) Howard.
- (2) Lula, married Charles Ryan and lives in California. They have four children.
- (3) William A., now lives in California.
- (4) Bertha.
- (5) Elizabeth, married V. H. Snoddy. They live in Colorado and have two children.
- (6) Elma, married James H. Cunningham, a prominent stock dealer. They live in Lockwood.
- (7) Joshua, lives in New Mexico.
- (8) George, married Kate Cowan. They live in California.
- (9) Juanita, now Mrs. Stewart of California.
- (10) John F., married and lives on the old home place.

(11) Harriet, single and lives in California.

Among the many interesting and highly prized relics and souvenirs gathered by Mr. Ragsdale is a collection of small arms. They represent almost every stage of American warfare from the days of the Revolution to the present emergency, among them a pair of holsters captured at the battle of Wilson Creek by James Reese.

Few men enjoy the distinction of being any closer to the common people than Mr. Ragsdale. His greatest successes in the law business have resulted in his masterly appeals to the jury. As a public speaker, not only at the bar, but in political campaigns and at fraternal gatherings, Mr. Ragsdale has few peers and no superiors in southwest Missouri. He leads that quiet, unassuming, unostentatious life which becomes a man whose activities in life have given him a broad vision and complete poise. While he is nominally a citizen of Greene County, Dade County claims him as one of her boys, of whom she is justly proud.

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JOHN F. RAGSDALE.

Was born in Dade County February 8th, 1885, a son of Benjamin F. Ragsdale and Nancy E. (Buckner) Ragsdale. His father was born October 27th, 1840, and was married to Nancy E. Buckner on April 7th, 1867. She was born February 26th, 1850.

With the exception of two years spent in California when he was 19 years old, John F. Ragsdale has lived all his life on the old home farm in Dade County. At his father's death it comprised 574 acres, which he purchased from the other heirs, including the land upon which his father first settled. Since buying the old homestead he has sold 120 acres lying in Smith Township, and has purchased 100 acres in Washington Township, making him now a farm of 654 acres, all in one body, a splendid tract of land lying two and one-half miles due west of South Greenfield. He has been a farmer all his life. He received his education in the district schools of Dade

County. On the 10th day of September, 1913, he was married to Zulah Louisa Preston, a native of Dade County, born September 5th, 1889, daughter of Jasper Newton and Josephine Rountree Preston. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is still living.

John F. Ragsdale and wife have two children:

- (1) John Lynn, born June 14th, 1915.
- (2) Josephine Elizabeth, born September 2nd, 1916.

Mr. Ragsdale is a Republican in politics, active in party matters, and has served as township collector. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

While Mr. Ragsdale's farm is well adapted to growing grain, it is in effect a stock farm, all the grain grown thereon being fed to cattle and hogs. There is shipped from this farm about three cars of cattle and one car of hogs each year. Mr. Ragsdale also keeps a small flock of sheep. In addition to erecting a splendid barn and other outbuildings, the owner of this farm has built a 200-ton silo.

This farm is supplied with a first-class watering system, having a number of good wells, springs and branches, the supply being handled with a windmill. About 40 acres of this farm is still in native forest, the remainder being in grass and under cultivation. All is fenced and cross-fenced.

Mr. Ragsdale is a quiet, unassuming man, but every fiber of his being is filled with energy and enthusiasm. He is an earnest advocate of good roads, more intensive cultivation of the soil, and more live stock for the number of acres cultivated. He deprecates the idea of raising and shipping grain, and insists that in order to maintain the original fertility of the soil more stock must be fed on the land. The brand of prosperity is stamped upon every enterprise of Mr. Ragsdale's farm.

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WILLIAM RAUBINGER.

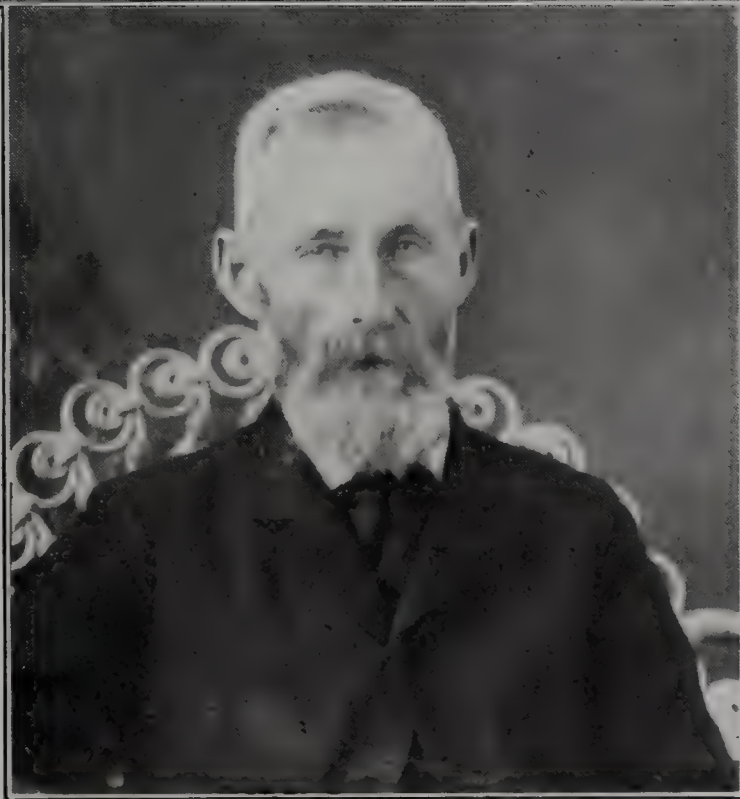
William Raubinger of Everton is one of our leading business men. He was born in Marine, Madison County,

Illinois, December 8th, 1863, a son of Anton and Katherine (Adler) Raubinger, both natives of Germany, therefore William Raubinger is a full-blooded German, although born in the great state of Illinois. Anton Raubinger was born October 7th, 1830, while his wife was born November 2nd, 1835. He died December 19th, 1908, and she February 7th, 1891. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and came to the United States in 1856, and resided in St. Louis, Mo., for two years, where he was married, and then moved to Madison County, Illinois, where he followed stationary engineering. To this couple were born five children, as follows: Emma, now the widow of Christ Zimmerman, and lives in Marine, Ill., and she has three children, Christ, Alfred and Marie; William, of this review; Mary, married Emil Jentsch, and she has three children, Christ, Alfred and Marie; F., is engaged in the mining business at Aurora, Mo., and has three children, Flora, Lloyd and Melton; Emile L., is a resident of Higginsville, where he is employed as bookkeeper for the Higginsville Milling Company.

William Raubinger learned the milling business and worked first for the Valier & Spies Milling Company at Marine, Ill., then for H. Prange & Sons as second miller at New Douglas, Ill., then came to Ash Grove, Greene County, where he worked for the Likens Milling Company for three years, when he was transferred to Everton and took charge of the Likens Mill there, remaining two years, when he moved to Mt. Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri, where he rented the mill and run the same for six years. In 1897 he came back to Everton and bought the large milling property which he now owns and runs from C. W. Likens. This is fine property and Mr. Raubinger has added large warerooms to the mill proper and also built a fine new residence adjoining. Here he has built up the largest milling plant in the county. The mill was originally built by Galbraith & Tarrant. The present capacity is 125 barrels, with a 20,000-bushel elevator, and thoroughly equipped with modern machinery, and is run to full capacity practically all the time. Mr.



R. H. DARST AND WIFE.
AT HOME.

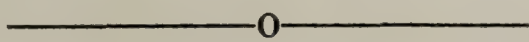


**SOME REAL PIONEERS.
MARION, SAM AND ALLEN WHEELER,
WILLIAM D. DARST.**

Raubinger has two brands of flour for which he enjoys a fine trade; they are named "Snow Kist," the leading brand, and "Magnolia," for his second grade. This is the only soft wheat mill in the county, and the product is the very best in this part of Missouri. He is a large buyer and shipper of corn, oats, rye and kaffir corn.

Mr. Raubinger married in Marine, Ill., Miss Mary Nemnich, who was born October 16th, 1865, a daughter of Henry Nemnich and wife, both natives of Germany. The father is now deceased, and his widow passed away September 28th, 1916.

To Mr. and Mrs. Raubinger have been born six children, as follows: Columbia, born December 2nd, 1893; Pauline, born October 26th, 1895; Walter, born January 14th, 1898; Alma, born January 22nd, 1900; Lydia, born December 4th, 1902; Ellis, born December 1st, 1904. This fine family of children have had and are having the very best of educational advantages. They are all members of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Raubinger is a deacon. In politics Mr. Raubinger is a Republican, and takes an active interest in all affairs of the country. Truly, Mr. Raubinger is a desirable citizen. He is always ready to help with his time and money on any enterprise that is for the betterment of public conditions. He is a good booster for good roads and a staunch friend of our free public school system, and is at present serving on the school board. It is a pleasure to hold a conversation with him on any subject, for he is a broad-minded, courteous gentleman and man of affairs.



JEROME LEE RAWHAUSER.

Was born at Columbus City, Ia., February 9th, 1869. His father, David Rawhauser, was born at York, Pa., in 1832, and died in 1908. He was of German ancestry, his forefathers coming from the Fatherland to Pennsylvania in an early day. He had a common school education, was a carpenter by trade, and was both industrious and successful. He was a member of the United Brethren

church, in politics a Whig, and later a Republican. He was a good citizen, progressive, liberal-minded, held local offices, and was charitably disposed, but of a retiring, reticent disposition. He was one of a family of nine children. He came to Muscatine, Ia., with his wife about the year 1851, and later moved to Louisa County, where he spent the remainder of his days. He married Anna Marie Blosser, a German girl, who was born in the Fatherland in 1836, but who came to Pennsylvania with her father, where she was married. She was one of a family of four children, and had a common school education in English and German. Was a member of the United Brethren church, and the mother of eight children:

(1) Jane, born at Muscatine, Ia., married Andrew Baker, a farmer in Oklahoma.

(2) William B., born in Muscatine, Ia., and is now a harness maker at Carroll, Ia.

(3) Clara, died in infancy.

(4) Caroline, born at Columbus City, Ia., married William Towner, now residing in the state of Washington. He is a farmer.

(5) Ira, died at the age of 15 years.

(6) Lula, died at the age of 13 years.

(7) Clara, born at Columbus City, Ia., married David Griffith, a tinner and plumber at Grinnell, Ia.

(8) Jerome Lee, the subject of this sketch.

J. L. Rawhauser attended the public schools in Columbus City, Ia., after which he entered a drug store and took up the study of pharmacy, after which he attended the Iowa State School of Pharmacy, from which he graduated.

After graduation he clerked for two years in a drug store in Tipton, Ia., and then entered the drug business on his own account at Columbus City. He then sold out and spent four years at the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, receiving his diploma in 1907. His first practice was in Saratoga, Wyo., after which he spent three years in the practice at Central Point, Ore.

In 1909 he located at Cassville, Mo., and after four years of practice at that place came to Greenfield. He has succeeded in building up a splendid practice in Dade County.

On the 8th day of March, 1894, he was married to Kate Gambell of Winfield, Ia., a daughter of John and Margaret (Fulton) Gambell, who trace their ancestry back to the Pilgrims who came over in the Mayflower. Her father was a farmer and school teacher. Mrs. Rawhauser also taught school, is a member of the Presbyterian church and a member of the Colonial Dames.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawhauser are the parents of three children:

(1) Anna, born June 20th, 1896, at Tipton, Ia., graduated from the Greenfield High School, class of 1915, and is now at home.

(2) John Gambell, born at Lone Tree, Ia., September 6th, 1899.

(3) Jerome Lee Jr., born at Central Point, Ore., August 15th, 1908.

Dr. Rawhauser is a member of the Presbyterian church, a member of the Odd Fellows and formerly was a Knights of Pythias, physician for and a member of the W. O. W., and in politics a Republican. He is progressive, public-spirited and wide-awake. He maintains a splendid office, equipped with the latest appliances of his profession, and is fast becoming one of the leading physicians of southwest Missouri. He has received a commission from the United States government in the Officers' Medical Reserve Corps, with rank of first lieutenant.

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LEWIS RENFRO.

Was born on Pennsylvania Prairie, Dade County, Missouri, March 16th, 1843, where he grew to manhood. He was educated in the common schools of that part of the county, spending all his early life on a farm. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted early in the summer of 1861 for six months' service in Captain John M. Stemmons' company, Coffey's Regiment, Raines Brigade, in the

Southern army. He participated in the battle of Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Lone Jack, Carthage, Cow Skin Prairie and several other minor engagements. At the expiration of his six months' service, in company with his brother, John F., and family, he went south to Texas, and in March, 1862, enlisted in the Confederate service for three years, or during the war, in Company C, Twenty-ninth Texas Cavalry, which regiment was being recruited at Paris, Tex. This regiment was assigned to the Indian service, and acted as a guard between the Indian nations and the state of Texas. During the first part of this service he was in the command of General Cooper, but later on General Gano commanded the Indian department. The fighting in this service was mostly skirmishes, although there were some hard-fought battles, namely, Greenleaf, Poison Springs and Cabin Creek. Mr. Renfro remained with this command till the fall of 1863, when he was transferred to Company A, Third Missouri Cavalry, Colonel's Coffey's old regiment, Shelby's Brigade, and which took active part in all the battles of the trans-Mississippi department, including the battles of Cow Skin Prairie, Marks' Mill, Jenkins' Ferry and the Price Raid in 1864, when there was fighting practically every day. Two of the largest battles in which he was engaged were Westport and Mine Creek, both near Kansas City, where the Confederates had two generals, John S. Marmaduke and General Cattle, captured with part of their commands. Another hard battle was fought at Newtonia, where Colonel Smith was killed. This was the last hard battle he was in during the war.

Mr. Renfro held several non-commissioned appointments, but was commissioned as third lieutenant. When the war closed he was acting adjutant of the Third Missouri Cavalry, with the rank of captain. At the close of the war he went back to Texas, and remained there until the spring of 1867. In the spring of 1867 he came to Missouri for a short stay, returning to Texas, where he remained until the spring of 1868, when he again returned to Dade County, and where he has lived ever since.

On the 24th day of September, 1868, he was married to Mollie Moore Finley, and settled on a farm near Mt. Zion, in the Preston neighborhood, and lived there until the spring of 1876, when he bought a farm one mile south of Greenfield. He lived on this farm till the spring of 1880, when he moved to Greenfield and engaged in the mercantile business. He followed this business until 1893, when, on account of poor health, he quit the mercantile business and returned to the farm, dealing in stock. Mr. Renfro was very successful in every line of business in which he engaged, and at one time owned over 1,000 acres of land in Dade and Lawrence Counties. In addition to his real estate, he also owned considerable personal property.

Three children were born of this first marriage:

- (1) Dellie L., died at the age of 15 months.
- (2) Myrtle lived to maturity, married, and died in her 28th year, leaving four children, one a baby girl, which died two months later.
- (3) Forest M., lives in Greenfield, is married, has a family of five children, two boys and three girls.

Mr. Renfro's first wife died June 10th, 1890, and on the 9th day of June, 1892, he was married a second time, to Miss Mary E. Leslie, and to this union were born two children, a boy and a girl:

- (1) Lucile, died December 10th, 1902, nearly 10 years of age.
- (2) Leslie, now lives in Detroit, Mich., and has a position with the Ford Automobile Company.

Mr. Renfro has been an active Democrat in politics and has made three races for county offices on the Democratic ticket, once for sheriff, once for collector and once for county treasurer, and, although the county is overwhelmingly Republican, he ran far ahead of his ticket each time, being defeated for county treasurer by only 86 votes. In 1906 he was tendered the nomination for circuit clerk by an unanimous vote of his party convention, but declined. He was twice elected justice of the peace in Center Township, which is one of the Republican strongholds of the

county. Mr. Renfro is a man of strong physique, although slightly wounded three times during the Civil war.

He was elected and served as assessor and treasurer of Smith Township under Township Organization from 1875 to 1880. He also took the census of that township in 1880, and now has in his possession a copy of that work.

At the organization of the R. S. Jacobs Banking Company in 1892 he was elected one of the directors of that institution. He was also associated with R. S. Jacobs in the mercantile business, at the same time in the "Boston Store," under the firm name and style of L. Renfro & Co., Mr. Jacobs being the "company." This firm had the highest commercial rating of any retail store in the state of Missouri at that time.

Mr. Renro is a modest, unassuming man, of quiet demeanor, but always eminently successful in all his business undertakings. Before he divided his property with his children he was reputed to be worth upwards of \$25,000.

Mr. Renfro is now in his 75th year, but still hale and hearty, and bids fair to live to a ripe old age, being, as far as known, the oldest living person born in Dade County, and claiming it for a home since birth. Although well along in years, Mr. Renfro is still young in spirit, and takes great interest in current events.

He was initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry in Washington lodge No. 87, A. F. & A. M., in 1880, and has since filled all the offices in said lodge, both elective and appointive. He united with the Presbyterian church at Greenfield in the summer of 1893.

Captain Renfro, as he is familiarly known among the Confederate Veterans, has always taken great interest in the fraternal societies of the Southern Confederacy, and has attended practically all the reunions, both county, district, state and national, for many years. At present he is adjutant general and chief of staff of the Missouri Division U. V. C., and attended the National Reunion at Washington City in June, 1917, at which time he had the pleasure of meeting the President personally, and of hearing him speak,

an honor and pleasure afforded but few men in the commoner walks of life.

Mr. Renfro is yet active in the everyday affairs of life and is regarded as one of the substantial business men of the county. A man of honesty, integrity and good report.

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JOSEPH H. RENFRO.

The subject of this interesting sketch was born in Dade County on Pennsylvania Prairie June 26th, 1848, a son of Absolom Renfro, a sketch of whose life is given in full in the history of Lewis Renfro at another place in this volume.

Joseph H. received his education in the common schools of Dade County, with the exception of one year in Texas and two years in Dallas County. At the age of 15 years he enlisted in the Confederate army, in the spring of 1864, and was in the service about one year. He was in Company A, Missouri Cavalry Troop, under the same command as his brother Lewis.

After the war the Renfro family returned to Dade County and engaged in farming. Joseph was married October 18th, 1868, to Mary J. Merrick, a native of Tennessee, born in 1850 and came to Dade County with her father, James Merrick, in 1851. To this union were born four children, one of whom is now living:

(1) Perry C., born in 1871, died in 1895 at the age of 24 years. He was married to Laura E. Miller, and they had one child, Perry C., who was married to Carrie Bird of Dade County in 1917, and now reside on the old Merrick homestead in Smith Township.

(2) Bell, died at the age of 15 months.

(3) T. Clyde, born in 1875, married Cora Elmore of South Greenfield. They moved to Springfield, where he died in 1917, leaving three children, Artie, Hazel and Lloyd.

(4) Laura, born in 1880, and is now Mrs. J. H. Fuqua. He is engaged in the merchandise business at South Greenfield.

Mrs. Renfro died in Dade County February 14th, 1908, and is buried on the old Merrick homestead, on Limestone Prairie.

Joseph H. Renfro was again married, on the 7th day of October, 1916, to Emma E. (Harper) Cochran, widow of Elder W. B. Cochran, a minister of the Christian church and widely known throughout southwest Missouri. He was born April 13th, 1846, in Clay County, Missouri, and died at his home in South Greenfield March 1st, 1913. He was pastor of the Christian church at Aurora for over 21 years, and as an evangelist he has established over 50 churches and baptized over 2,500 converts during his ministerial life. He was a Knight Templar and a member of the I. O. O. F., and had served in the General Assembly of Missouri from both Dade and Lawrence Counties. Emma E. (Harper) Cochran was his second wife, and to this union were born six children, all living:

- (1) Hugh F.
- (2) Ruth A., married Fred Eisert of Dade County.
- (3) W. B. Jr.
- (4) Robert A.
- (5) —Blanch C., married Lester Godfrey of South Greenfield.
- (6) Charles H.

Joseph H. Renfro and wife are each members of the Christian church, his membership extending over a period of more than 40 years, and being an organizer of the churches both at South Greenfield and Pennsboro, being a deacon at the latter place.

Mr. Renfro started in life for himself in 1869 by buying 40 acres of land from his brother Lewis. Since then he has bought and sold real estate, making improvements, and prospering, until he was the owner of a splendid farm of 120 acres on Honey Creek, which he has recently sold and taken up his abode in Greenfield.

Mr. Renfro is a member of the Confederate Post, an active member in church, served for many years on the school board in his home district, was always in favor of good roads, good schools, and a progressive farmer.

Mrs. Renro is a great-great-granddaughter of Daniel Boone, a lady of refinement and culture, and a splendid



D. F. EDMONSON AND WIFE. THEIR COUNTRY HOME.

housekeeper. They are among Dade County's most estimable people.

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ABSALOM RENFRO.

Was born at or near Crab Orchard, Ky., January 15th, 1806, where he grew to manhood. He was raised on a farm, but never received much education. Before he reached his majority he went to Madison County, Tennessee, and engaged in hauling goods from Nashville to inland towns. On the 16th day of June, 1825, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Penn, a grandniece of the noted Quaker, William Penn. Her father was named after the original William Penn. Mr. Renfro continued to follow teaming until the fall of 1829, when, in company with several other families, they came to southwest Missouri and stopped for the winter where the city of Springfield is now located. In the spring of 1830 they scattered out, except Billie Fulbright, who was one of the parties coming from Tennessee. He remained in Greene County, and Fulbright Springs derived its name from him. Absalom Renfro located where Little Orleans now stands, on Sac river. From there he came to what is known as the Manis place in Dade County. He sold his claim there and located on what is known as the Willis Beard farm. After living there for a time he sold out and located where the Speer mill now stands, and just a short time before the first land sales at Springfield he sold that claim and located 320 acres, being the first land sale in southwest Missouri. This was in the spring of 1840, and this 320 acres remained his home till the date of his death, May 15th, 1875. He professed religion at the age of 40 years and united with the Southern Methodist church, and remained a faithful member until death.

He was a farmer and stock raiser and accumulated quite a fortune, and was one of the wealthy farmers of Dade County at the breaking out of the Civil war. Being a southern man and a slave owner, he cast his lot with the Southern Confederacy. Five of his sons were soldiers in the Confederate army, four of them enlisting early, and

one as soon as he was old enough. John F. was mustered out a lieutenant, Thomas F. was mustered out a major and Lewis, a third lieutenant, was mustered out as adjutant of the Third Missouri Cavalry, with the rank of captain, while Shelby and Joseph were mustered out as privates.

In the summer of 1863 it became so dangerous for a man to live in Dade County who had sons in the Confederate army, and having one negro boy who was eligible for service in the Union army, he went south, taking this negro boy with him. That fall the commanding general gave orders to burn the homes of all southern sympathizers and banish their families. It fell the lot of Major Morgan to carry out these orders in Dade County, which he did to a certain extent. The buildings on the Renfro farm were burned, except a few negro cabins, and the women folks ordered to go south. Major Morgan acted the gentleman in this matter, preserving the original order till after the war, and offered to assist Mr. Renfro in getting damages for the property destroyed, but on account of the strong prejudice existing at that time no claim for damage was ever presented. Mr. Renfro never harbored any ill feeling toward Mr. Morgan on this account. Friends of the family who posed as Union men assisted the family in the purchase of a yoke of oxen and a wagon, and they made their way to Lamar County, Texas, where they were joined by Mr. Renfro and where he made his home till the close of the war. The negro women and children lived on the farm during the war and cared for it the best they could.

Mr. and Mrs. Absalom Renfro were the parents of 15 children, ten boys and five girls. They were, however, not all living at one time, a girl dying in infancy, one boy died at the age of 6 years, and another at the age of 16 years. There were two doctors of note and two southern Methodist preachers in the family, to-wit: Thomas F. was a doctor, James was a preacher and a doctor also, and Shelby H. is a preacher. There are but three children of this family now living: Lewis and Joseph, both of Greenfield, and Shelby H. of Texas. Mary (Penn) Renfro died in 1896 in her 88th year. Absalom Renfro belonged to Washington

lodge No. 87, A. F. & A. M., when the lodge was first organized, and was buried with Masonic honors.

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CAPT. T. F. RENFRO.

(Long Beach California Press.)

One of Downey's pioneers and prominent business men passed away on the 11th. Was born in Missouri 83 years ago. When a young man he went from there to Greenville, Tex., engaging in the drug business, and there married Miss Lucy E. Ballard. After a few years' successful business he removed to California, locating in Downey on a ranch adjoining the town, 30 years ago.

Here he again engaged in the drug business successfully for 25 years. Five years ago, on account of failing health, he retired from business, which illness resulted in his death. As a business man, because of his genial and happy spirit and tactfulness, he was doubtless one of the most popular business men who has ever lived in Downey. Socially, because of his unusual southern generosity and warm sympathy, few men were so universally liked. He was almost a life-long member of the M. E. church, South, having united with the church when quite young. Because of his love for music and children, he was an adept in the Sunday school work. As Sunday school superintendent and teacher he was very successful throughout his long church life. His Christian life was not especially demonstrative, but was manifest more in good works, loyalty to his God and to his church, yet without sectarianism, manifesting genuine brotherliness to his fellows, to every class, without prejudice, which perhaps is manifest in the fact that he was a captain in General Shelby's Cavalry Brigade of the Confederacy, yet by request, Rev. W. G. Cowan, of Long Beach, a member of the Blue, was called to officiate at his funeral, assisted by the Rev. Bond, of the First M. E. church, South, of Long Beach, Saturday, the 13th. Surviving him is the widow, three sons, one daughter, the eldest, E. A. Renfro, at the head of the Renfro Drug Company, Shreveport, La.; T. F. Renfro, of the Queen Drug Company, 22-40 East

Fourth street, Long Beach, and Mrs. R. P. Queen, 748 Daisy avenue, Long Beach. The youngest, L. B. Renfro, residing at the ranch near Downey, and Miss L. A. Ballard, a sister of Mrs. Renfro, who has always made her home in the family.

T. F. Renfro was born at what is now known as the old Ragedale farm, March 5th, 1834, died in Downey, Cal., January 11th, 1917, being at the time of his death 82 years 10 months and six days old. He was the sixth child of a family of 15 children, born to Absalom and Mary Penn Renro. He professed faith in Christ at an early age, and united with the M. E. church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life until he was called to his reward in Heaven. In his early life he chose school teaching and farming. He taught school all over Dade County. He was married to Francis Lack April 1st, 1856. To this union were born two sons and one daughter. The eldest, John Absalom, died in his infancy. The girl, Sarah Price, grew to womanhood and married Hugh Hampton. She died several years ago, leaving one child, Alva, who makes his home with his uncle, Lewis A., his only surviving son, lives two miles west of Greenfield. In 1872 or 1873 he was married again, to Miss Lucy E. Ballard in Shreveport, La., and to this union were born four sons and one daughter. The eldest, Leon Sanders, died when a small child; the next oldest, Emmett, lives in Shreveport, La., and is engaged in the drug business.

Leona, daughter, married a Mr. Queen, and resides at Long Beach, Cal. Lucine and Vernon still make their home with their parents. When the Civil war broke out he cast his lot with the South, and enlisted in the early part of 1861. He was in the organization of Company A, Third Missouri Cavalry, Colonel Coffee's regiment, and was elected orderly sergeant, and when the war closed he was mustered out with a commission as major. He never came back to make his home in Missouri, but made his home in Texas until about 1880, when he moved to Downey, Cal., where he made his home until death. His death, while it was not unexpected, for he had been in feeble health for several years, was a great shock to me. It makes me feel,

Oh, so lonely! Although I never expected to see him again, as we were so far apart, I knew he was living, and that was a great source of pleasure to me, and in his death it only leaves three living out of this large family; myself, Brother Shelby, who lives in Texas, and Brother Jo of South Greenfield. A loving brother.—L. R.

DR. J. C. B. RENFRO.

Dr. J. C. B. Refro was born on what is known as the old Ragsdale farm, near South Greenfield in Dade County, Missouri, October 26th, 1835, and died at his residence in Houston, Tex., March 27th, 1898. He professed religion at the age of 16, and united with the M. E. church, South, and soon thereafter commenced to preach and teach school in Dade and adjoining counties. In 1856, together with two other brothers, John and Dave, he made an overland trip to California with a drove of cattle. He came back to Dade County in 1858 and resumed his profession of teaching school and preaching. He remained in southwest Missouri until after the war. In 1866 he moved to Texas, and continued his professions, but later on he had to give up his ministerial work on account of throat trouble, only preaching occasionally. He began the study of medicine and graduated with the highest honors of his class in 1872 at New Orleans, La. He finally located at Houston, Tex., where he died. He was married to Nancy I. D. Montgomery the 11th day of March, 1852. To this union were born four children, one girl and three boys: Mary E., now Mrs. Owens of Springfield, Mo.; George A., now of Springfield, Mo., runs a feed and wagon yard; John N., who died at the Springfield hospital in the spring of 1917; Jimmie died when a small boy, his wife dying near Springfield January 7th, 1902.

LOUIS A. RENFRO.

Was born in Dade County, near Greenfield, September 30th, 1859, son of Thomas and Frances (Black) Renfro,

his father being a native of Dade County, while his mother was born at Charleston, Va. Father born in 1835 and his mother in 1837. His mother died April 15th, 1915, and his father died January 12th, 1917. His father was a Dade County school teacher before the war, but enlisted in the Confederate army, was commissioned captain, and served with distinction during the war, after which he went to Texas and engaged in the drug business at Greeneville, Hunt County. He remained here until 1889, when he moved to California, where he died.

Louis A. Renfro is the second in point of birth of a family of three children. He received all of his schooling in Dade County at the Franklin school. He resided with his mother until her death, although at the age of 18 years he engaged in farming and stock raising on his own account upon her farm. In 1880 he bought the land where he now lives. It was then unimproved. He has since cleared it out, developed it, and constructed modern buildings, so that it is now an ideal stock farm. He has added to his original purchase, so that he now owns 377 acres in one body. He devotes his entire time to his farming and stock raising enterprises. He is a Republican in politics, although he never aspired to or held public office except as a member of the school board, which position he has held for 18 years.

He was married on July 7th, 1887, to Minnie Cartwright, a native of Dade County, daughter of Jesse and Lydia (Sweeney) Cartwright, both natives of Tennessee. Jesse Cartwright came to Dade County some time in the 50's, and was one of the most noted men of the county. He was a veteran of the Civil war, a brother-in-law of William Cunningham, owned a large farm near Lockwood, upon which he resided many years, and finally died in Lockwood December 16th, 1915. His widow is still living and makes her home part of the time with Mr. Renfro. Mrs. Renfro was one of the younger of a family of four children. She was educated in the schools of Dade County.

Mr. and Mrs. Renfro are the parents of six children:

- (1) Clyde, born July 16th, 1889, died in infancy.

(2) Pearl, born May 13th, 1891, wife of William Elson, a Dade County farmer.

(3) Ernest, born February 3rd, 1893, is a barber, and resides in Greenfield. His twin brother died in infancy.

(4) Claude, born July 16th, 1896, resides at home.

(5) Ted, born October 29th, 1902, resides at home.

Mr. Renfro is a member of the M. W. A., with membership at Greenfield.

DR. WILLIAM R. RILEY.

Among those engaged in the medical profession in Dade County none stands higher in this line of work than Dr. Riley, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Monroe County, Indiana, May 9th, 1868, a son of John R. Riley, who was born in Ireland June 3rd, 1843, and brought to America by his mother. His father, Terrence P. Riley, had emigrated to the United States and settled in Monroe County, Indiana, and after getting a start here, sent for his family. During the voyage one of his three daughters was lost overboard from the sailing vessel. John R. was raised on the farm in Indiana and started working out when he was 11 years of age, receiving \$6 per month for his labor. He had no school advantages, but in later years learned to read and write. He was married in Indiana, but his wife soon died, and he married again. Soon after this he emigrated to Greene County, Missouri, coming overland with wagon in 1880. He rented land for about three years near Walnut Grove, but then was able to buy land in Rock Prairie Township, Dade County, where he now lives, and where he owns a good 160-acre farm. John R. Riley married as his first wife Miss Sarah Farmer, who was born in Monroe County, Indiana, in 1846, and died May 24th, 1874, leaving three children, of whom Dr. William R. was the oldest, while Charles P. and Emily are both deceased. Miss Farmer was a daughter of John A. and Emily (Walker) Farmer. Mr. Farmer was a large farmer and stock man, owning some 1,200 acres of valuable land, and also was a merchant and interested in a woolen mill, a still and lumber

yard. He was in the Union army during the Civil war. As his second wife, Mr. Riley married Catherine Gentry, who bore him seven children, as follows: Rosie, now the widow of Charles Thomas; Maggie, at home; Terrence P., a farmer; Emily, now Mrs. Amon Wolfe of Idaho; Ida Bell, now Mrs. Leonard Ball of Greene County; John, who was killed by lightning August 13th, 1914; Frank, a farmer of Dade County.

Dr. William R. Riley was educated in the country schools and the high school at Hendersonville, and taught school for three years, after which he entered the drug business at Ash Grove, Greene County, with Dr. C. Moore, with whom he read medicine until he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis in 1894, and graduated March 17th, 1897. After practicing at Ash Grove for one year he moved to Everton May 10th, 1898, where he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. In 1915 he opened a drug store, and is now located in a fine, newly-fitted brick building which he bought, and now has one of the best-appointed drug stores of the county. Dr. Riley married for his first wife Mary L. Stephenson, who was born March 13th, 1870, a daughter of J. B. and Eliza (Long) Stephenson. Mrs. Riley died April 12th, 1906, leaving four children, as follows: Zora E., born September 27th, 1890, and married Harry Criswell, a teacher, residing in Wray, Colo., and they have one child, John Philip, born April 11th, 1914; Zepha, born February 17th, 1891, and who is now teaching in the Everton High School, where she has been engaged for the past four years; Charles W., born December 25th, 1893, is a graduate of Everton High School, and is now attending the State University at Columbia, Mo.; Lillie Frances, born March 31st, 1899, a graduate of Everton High School, class of 1917. Dr. Riley married, second, Miss Luella Shelton, a daughter of John Marshall and Louise A. (Finley) Shelton, a sketch of whom may be found elsewhere in this work.

Dr. Riley and wife are prominent members of the Christian church, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the A. F. & A. M. chapter at Ash Grove, the Royal Select at



GEORGE WASHINGTON MOORE.



J. P. WILLETT RESIDENCE.

WILLETT STORE.

Crisp, Mo.

Springfield, and the W. O. W. He is a member of the Southwest Missouri Medical Association and the Dade County Medical Society. In politics he is a Democrat. Dr. Riley takes an active interest in all affairs of the county and state, and can always be relied upon for his help in the advancement of any enterprise that is for the good of our county or its people. He is a broad-minded Christian gentleman and well deserves the high esteem in which he is universally held by hundreds of Dade County citizens. By his fair, honest dealing and courteous treatment he has built up for himself a practice and business that is second to none in this County. He is a booster for good roads and a staunch friend of free public schools. We are proud to own Dr. Riley as a Dade County citizen, and it is perfectly safe to say that Dr. Riley will always make his home among us.

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E. S. RING.

The subject of this sketch is one of the enterprising young men of Dade County. He was born at Lockwood on the 22nd day of October, 1889, a son of C. S. Ring and Minnie (Lockard) Ring. His father is one of the substantial business men of Lockwood, and for many years has been engaged in the grain and elevator business at that place. Both his father and mother are natives of Indiana, and their respective families were among the pioneers of Missouri.

About the year 1908 E. S. Ring first entered the mercantile world, buying out the William Bowers restaurant in Lockwood. He followed this business about two years, when he sold out and accepted employment in the H. H. Steele elevator in Lockwood, remaining here until he and his father purchased the general merchandise store of H. H. Nierman at Ernest. The new firm was styled E. S. Ring & Co., and took possession July 1st, 1916. At the time of the purchase this store was in a run-down condition, but the new firm immediately cleared out the old stock, made extended purchases of new and up-to-date goods, added

many improvements in the way of fixtures, scales, etc., until now it is one of the best country stores in the county. It is the intention of the firm to install a new Standard wagon scale and buy grain. At the present time the firm handles a large amount of country produce—chickens, eggs, hides and furs—always paying the highest market price.

In connection with the store there is a blacksmith shop, which is furnished free in order to better accommodate the farmers of the neighborhood. It is now occupied by Finley & Evans, formerly of Greenfield.

E. S. Ring was married to Clara Lawrence, a native of the far west. She was born on the 9th day of September, 1892. They have one child: Rosalie Jane, born August 4th, 1914.

E. S. Ring & Co. maintain a fine Ford truck in their business, since they handle ice as well as pop from Springfield. They carry a general line of dry goods, furnishings, notions, groceries, general supplies, hardware, oils, paints, flour and feed.

E. S. Ring, the manager, is a Democrat, a wide-awake business man, and a good roads booster. Under his progressive management Ernest is bound to be one of the commercial centers of the county.

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LEE ROUNTREE.

One of the enterprising young men of Dade County is Lee Rountree of South Sac Township. He was born May 3rd, 1882, in Cedar County, a son of John M. and Mary M. (Dale) Rountree, both natives of Tennessee. The Rountrees came to Polk County, Missouri, in the early 50's, and the Dales to Dade County in the early 30's. We would refer you to the sketches of both these early families, which are printed elsewhere in these pages.

Lee Rountree remained at home with his parents until he was 23 years of age. He was given good educational advantages, and first decided on a commercial career, and entered the mercantile business at Cane Hill, Cedar County, which he continued for one year, then clerked in a hard-

ware store in Boliver for two years, at which time he entered the employ of the Kingman St. Louis Implement Company of St. Louis as their representative on the road, which position he held for one year, after which he entered the stock and farming business, buying an improved farm in Center Township, Dade County, consisting of 146 acres. This was in the year 1907, and for three years he lived on this place, then bought 436 acres on the south line of Sac Township. Here, in 1913, he built a fine large residence, which is one of the best in the entire county, and, with its large outbuildings, is one of the show places. The house has all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, bath, etc. This is an ideal stock farm, and here Mr. Rountree breeds and feeds thoroughbred Whiteface and Shorthorn cattle, as well as many hogs, and is one of the few large handlers of sheep in the county. Mr. Rountree married June 14th, 1905, Miss Lucy V. Young, a native of Dade County, born August 9th, 1883, and a daughter of William Marshall and DIALTHA Young, more mention of whom will be found elsewhere. To Mr. and Mrs. Rountree have been born two children, Marion, born November 25th, 1908, and Virginia, born September 27th, 1911.

Lee Rountree is truly a public spirited citizen, and to him is due a large portion of the interest in good roads, and a nice stretch of well-built and well-kept road directly approaching his fine place is due to his individual efforts. All told, Mr. Rountree owns 636 acres, and is considered one of the leading stock men of this county. He is a liberal, broad-minded man, and can always be counted upon to help with his time and means any cause that is for the advancement of the county or the people. We would refer the reader to views taken on the Rountree farm, which are among the finest obtainable in the county for this work.

THOMAS BENTON ROUNTREE.

Was born in Polk County, Missouri, on the 20th day of February, 1841, son of David and Victoria (McKee) Rountree, of Scotch-Irish descent. His parents were mar-

ried in Tennessee, and came to Missouri first in 1830, but returned to Tennessee, and remained there till 1854, when thy came to Polk County and bought land for a permanent home. David Rountree died in 1867, and his wife, Victoria, died about 1880.

Thomes B. Rountree remained at home with his parents until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in the Confederate army, in 1862. He was a member of Company G, Sixteenth Missouri Infantry, and participated in the battles of Lone Jack, Clear Creek, Prairie Grove, Helena, Mansfield, and other conflicts in which the Sixteenth Missouri Infantry was engaged. He was paroled at Shreveport, La., in June, 1865, and spent one year in Colorado, teaming, after which he returned to Polk County and farmed for three years near the old homestead. He was married on the 27th day of December, 1866, to Jane Hailey, who was born in Cedar County, Missouri, March 24th, 1850, daughter of Merideth Hailey and Mary (Jackson) Hailey. They were married in Cedar County. About the year 1849. Mr. Rountree and wife bought 120 acres of unimproved Cedar County land, which they improved and lived upon for seven years, then bought 100 acres in Cedar County, Missouri, and lived there three years, after which they returned to their old place in Cedar County, having sold the Vernon County farm. After raising one crop they moved to Cane Hill and entered the mercantile business. This was about 1880. He erected a new building, put in a stock of general merchandise, and was actively engaged in selling goods for 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rountree are the parents of six children, as follows:

- (1) Etta, died at the age of 3 years.
- (2) Ida, died at the age of 14 years.
- (3) Jessie, now Mrs. John McMehen of Walnut Grove, Mo.
- (4) Floy, died at the age of 8 years.
- (5-6) Clarence and Ezra, twins. Ezra died at the age of 6 months. Clarence married May Robertson, daughter of J. A. Robertson. They have four children:

- (1) Junior C.
- (2) Dorothy L.
- (3) Thomas Benton.
- (4) Ralph Robertson.

They live at Cane Hill and he is engaged in farming.

T. B. Rountree and wife are members of the Christian church and very estimable people. After more than 50 years of active service in agricultural and mercantile pursuits Mr. Rountree has retired from life's strenuous activities, but has lost none of his interest therein. During life he has made many ardent and lasting friendships, and these are the trophies which he prizes most highly. They will be carried as priceless souvenirs into the sunset glow of his declining years. Although Mr. Rountree lives "just over the line," he is nevertheless counted as one of Cedar County's most valuable citizens.

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JOSEPH A. ROBERTSON.

With a long and illustrious line of ancestors to his credit, many of whom won distinction on fields of battle, while others were towering lights in the moral and religious world, Joseph A. Robertson came as a ray of sunshine into the home of Milton and Mary (Hardy) Robertson in Mohaska County, Iowa, April 20th, 1885. His father and mother were natives of the mountainous district of East Tennessee, and were married there. One child, Samuel F., was born in Tennessee August 6th, 1851. He is now living in Dade County. In 1852 Milton Robertson emigrated to Mohaska County, Iowa, purchased a farm prospered financially and raised a large family of children, viz:

(1) Samuel Francis, born August 6th, 1851, lives in Dade County.

(2) John W., born January 30th, 1853, died March 29th, 1912. He practiced medicine in Dadeville many years, and his widow is still living at that place.

(3) Joseph A. Robertson.

(4) James F., born January 7th, 1857, died January 1st, 1861.

(4) Sarah Ann, born May 4th, 1858, married Michael Grisham, who is now deceased. At present she lives in North Yakama, Wash.

(6) Martha Margaret, born March 14th, 1860, died October 13th, 1862.

(7) Harvey Newton, born March 11th, 1862, died July 1st, 1905. He married Mattie Bailey, and was a teacher by profession, also a Presbyterian minister. He taught in Greenfield, and at one time was superintendent. His widow is now living in Tennessee.

(8) Emma Bell, born January 1st, 1864, died October 25th, 1870.

(9) William Rufus, born April 3rd, 1866, in Randolph County, Missouri. The following is taken from the "Blue Book" of Missouri, 1916: "William R. Robertson, presiding judge of the Springfield Court of Appeals, was born in Randolph County, Missouri, April 3rd, 1866. His parents moved to Dade County when he was 2 years old, where he resided until 1891. He was educated in the common schools of this state and Ozark College of Greenfield, Mo., admitted to the bar in 1891, and moved to Delta, Colo., where he taught school for a term, and commenced the practice of law. He was appointed judge of the County Court of Delta County, Colorado, in 1893, which office he resigned to enter the practice with A. R. King, now judge of the Colorado Court of Appeals. He moved back to Missouri in 1898, locating at Webb City, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession until his election as judge of the Springfield Court of Appeals in November, 1912, for a term of four years. Married Miss Emma Van DeVenter of Delta, Colo., March 15th, 1895. They are the parents of five children,"

(10) Ellen Elvira, born April 23rd, 1868, died September 8th, 1869.

The parents of Joseph A. Robertson moved to Randolph County, Missouri, about 1865, and after two years came back to Polk County, Missouri, where they remained one year, and finally landed in Dade County in 1867, where they bought 120 acres of land in Sac Township, where

Joseph A. now lives. It was only partly improved, and it was on this farm that Milton Robertson died July 28th, 1885, and his wife surviving him till January 31st, 1910, when she also died. They were life-long members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and he was a staunch Democrat.

Joseph A. Robertson attended the common schools of Dade County, principally at Mt. Zion, and was married December 25th, 1879, to Laura L. Cox, who was born July 4th, 1860. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. W. R. Russell. She died May 31st, 1910, leaving three children, viz:

(1) Finis E., born September 25th, 1880, died August 22nd, 1882.

(2) Herly Milton, born October 25th, 1882, married October 30th, 1910, to Violet Marcum, a native of Dade County. They have three children, Mary Louise, Margaret and Finis Elwood.

(3) Carrie, born July 4th, 1886.

(4) Mae, born July 4th, 1886, married February 6th, 1910, to Clarence Rountree of Cedar County, Mo. They have four children, Junior, Dorothy, Thomas Benton and Ralph Robertson.

Mrs. Laura (Cox) Robertson was born in Overton County, Tennessee, July 4th, 1860. Her father having died, her mother and six children (two boys and four girls) came to Dade County, Missouri, in 1866 and located near Cane Hill. The father having gone to Texas to secure a home, died there. The mother died in 1869. Mrs. Robertson died May 31st, 1910, having been an invalid for 20 years. Her funeral was largely attended by neighbors and friends from all over the county, the funeral sermon being preached by Rev. W. R. Russell, who 30 years before had performed her marriage ceremony.

John Robertson, the grandfather of Joseph A. Robertson, was born in North Carolina June 21st, 1781, while his father was serving in the army of the Revolution. When 12 years of age his father moved with his family to Tennessee, where John grew to manhood. Was married to

Margaret Register January 24th, 1805. In 1814 he enlisted in the army, and fought with great bravery against the British and border savages. He died October 1st, 1858. The most thrilling incident of his life occurred during the late days of the Revolutionary war. While his father was still in the army, the Tories burned their home, and his mother, with her family of small children, were obliged to flee to the swamps of South Carolina for safety, where she remained alone for several days.

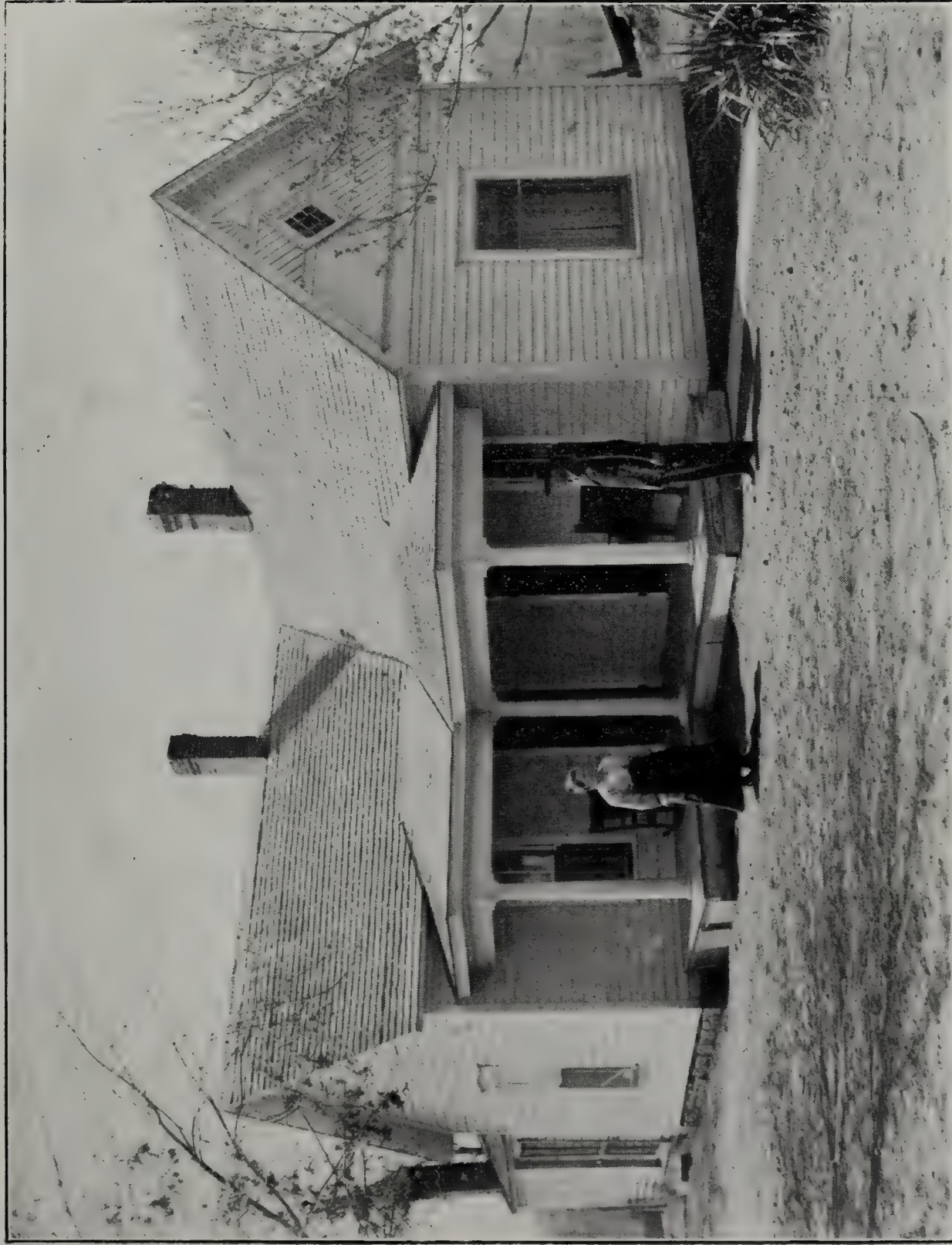
With the exception of two years, Joseph A. Robertson has resided in Dade County since 1866. He purchased 80 acres of land near Bona, where he lived for two years. At the time of his father's death he bought out the heirs to the home place in Sac Township. Since then he has added 40 acres, so that now it comprises 160 acres. In 1903 he erected a fine six-room frame house, which is now lighted with a modern acetylene lighting plant. His farm is well watered with springs and spring branch. He is engaged in general farming, and has a splendid flock of sheep of 30 head.

Mr. Robertson and family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, in which organization he has been an elder 25 years. In politics he is a Democrat, having served on the executive committee of that party for many years.



REV. WILLIAM RUFUS RUSSELL.

One of the best known men of Dade County is Rev. William R. Russell of Everton, Mo. He was born in North Township, Dade County, June 22nd, 1849, a son of Aaron Russell, who was a native of Alabama, born there December 20th, 1819. Aaron Russell was of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry and came from Tennessee to Callaway County, Missouri, in the early 30's, and to Dade County about 1840, settling in North Township, where he entered land, which he improved, building himself a log cabin. During the Civil war he cast his lot with the Union, but was captured the very day he was mustered in, and was paroled later,



CHARLES D. WHITE AND WIFE. AT HOME IN NORTH SAC.

so he did not see active service, but it was no fault of his patriotism. He married Miss Serena Howard, who was a native of Tennessee, born February 11th, 1828, and to this union were born eight children, as follows: Robert, died in infancy; Mariah Elizabeth, died at the age of 12 years; William R., of this review; John Wesley, died aged 21 years; Thomas Uel, is a farmer of North Township; Alice, now Mrs. P. H. Hawkins of Greenfield; Fannie, now Mrs. Samuel Baldwin of North Township; Lucy, now Mrs. M. J. M. Brickey of North Township, and Decatur L., who is a prominent physician of Lockwood, and at present the county Coroner. After receiving his education in the common schools of the county and the high school at Greenfield, William R. Russell taught school for a number of years in Wright, Cedar and Dade Counties. In Dade he taught two years at Lockwood, two years in South Greenfield and several years in Everton. In 1870 he was licensed to preach in the M. E. church, and in 1877 joined the St. Louis Conference, being ordained elder in 1881 by Bishop Hurst. In 1883 he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and when the Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches united in 1906 he went with the united church, and was a member of the first general assembly of the united church at Columbus, O. Besides other places, he has filled important charges at Hartville, Dadeville and Boliver. He moved to Everton, and has been the pastor there for 29 years, in the meantime preaching at other places. Rev. Russell was married April 27th, 1873, to Miss Ella V. Summers, who was born in Jackson, Mo., April 25th, 1850, and was a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Fugate) Summers. Mr. Summers was a prominent man of Cape Girardeau County, where he was sheriff at the time of his death in 1854. Rev. William R. Russell is a Democrat in politics and has been very prominent in his party. He was elected to the office of County Treasurer in 1874 and in 1896 elected as State Representative, serving in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly. The good that Rev. Russell has done cannot be told, the number of souls he has led to Christ are legion, and his influence will live for

generations to come. Truly, this kindly man of God is and has been a blessing to Dade County, and we are proud that he is a native son. Would that we had more like him. Surely his good works shall rise up to bless his memory for numberless years after he shall have gone to his Heavenly reward.

WILLIAM OREN RUSSELL.

Was born in Grant Township, Dade County, Missouri, March 29th, 1875. His father, Cyrenus Z. Russell, was born in Illinois and died in Greenfield April 21st, 1906, at the age of 65 years. He came to Dade County in 1874 and settled on a 40-acre tract of land in Grant Township, which had been given to his wife by her father. He accumulated 480 acres in this township and a tract of 160 acres on the prairie in Lockwood Township. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser, as well as a man of splendid clerical ability. In 1886 he was elected to the office of county clerk on the Republican ticket, moved to Greenfield and held the office for eight years. Retiring from the office, he entered the real estate business, read law, and was admitted to the bar, but confined himself to strictly office practice. He also wrote insurance, and was secretary for a number of years of a local Building and Loan Association. He was a successful business man and in every way dependable.

At the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted in the Twenty-first Regiment, Missouri Infantry, Federal Troop, and served till the close of the war, being mustered out with the rank of second lieutenant. He was a member of the local G. A. R. post in Greenfield, and one of its commanders. He was a member of the Christian church, an elder at the time of his death, and a charter member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows, having in turn filled all the official chairs.

C. Z. Russell was a man of high standing in the community, and among his wide circle of friends and business associates. He was an active Republican, having served

both as a member of the county as well as the state committee. In early life he was married to Ala Ann Teagarden, a native of Kentucky, who was born in 1849, and, with her parents, moved to Illinois in 1851. After her marriage to C. Z. Russell they moved to Fort Scott, Kas., and from there to Dade County.

Mrs. Russell was of Scotch-Irish parentage, a member of the Christian church, educated in a ladies' seminary and to her marriage with C. Z. Russell five children were born:

(1) Charles, born in Fort Scott, Kas., and died at the age of 21 years. He graduated at Ozark College in Greenfield in June, 1891, and died the following August.

(2) John A., born at Fort Scott, Kas., in 1873. Is now a physician at Lovelock, Nev.

(3) William O., the subject of this sketch.

(4) Lula and Beulah, twins. Died at the age of 12 years.

William O. Russell was raised on a farm until 11 years of age, when his father moved to Greenfield. He attended the public schools of the county and afterward took a course in Robbins' Business College in Sedalia, Mo. His first real work was one year spent in making a set of abstract books for Frieze & Payne. He then entered the mercantile business in partnership with a pioneer, J. W. Garrett, under the firm name of Garrett & Russell, and sold groceries in Greenfield from 1896 to 1898, when Mr. Garrett sold out to J. M. Travis, and the firm then was known as Travis & Russell, and remained so for about three years. After the death of Mr. Travis, Mr. Russell conducted the business in his own name for about four years. After retiring from the grocery business, about seven years ago, Mr. Russell took charge of the loan and abstract business of W. O. Russell & Co., with offices with Ben M. Neale, who has an interest in the business. He also has conducted an insurance business for the past ten years with success.

William O. Russell was first married to Cora Belle Anderson, May 28th, 1898, a native of Dade County, born

near Greenfield in 1875 and died June 26th, 1904. She was a daughter of B. C. and Frances Anderson, early settlers in the county. She was a member of the Christian church and was the mother of three children:

(1) Oren E., born June 8th, 1900, and is now attending school.

(2) John Anderson, born September 13th, 1902, died in September, 1906.

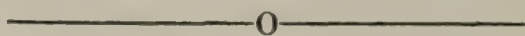
(3) Frances Ann, born May 8th, 1904.

His second marriage occurred July 22nd, 1908, to Miss Mary Ethel Morgan, born in 1890, a daughter of M. D. and Mary (Anderson) Morgan of Greenfield. She has a good education, and is a member of the Christian church. They have two children:

(1) Lois, born November 20th, 1909.

(2) Helen, born July 12th, 1911.

Mr. Russell has acquired considerable distinction as a fraternity man, being a member of the Masons, and all four branches of the order, an Odd Fellow, having filled all the official chairs, and a member of the W. O. W. and M. W. A. He is also an active member of the Christian church. He is regarded as one of the sound, substantial business men of the town, is an active member of the Commercial club and other civic organizations, and is held in high esteem by his neighbors, friends and associates.



ELWOOD RUSH.

One of our real, alive, red-blooded citizens is Ex-Judge Elwood Rush of Marion Township. He was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, October 4th, 1859, a son of George W. Rush and Lucinda A. Jones, his wife. The father was a native of North Carolina and the mother of Indiana. George W. Rush came to Indiana with his father when he was a small boy. His father took up land from the government in that state and was identified with the early development of Indiana. In 1866 George W. Rush, father of Elwood Rush, the subject of his sketch, entered 160 acres of government land in Neosho County, Kansas,

and was a pioneer in every sense of the word in that section of the state, and it is here that Judge Elwood Rush saw some of the strenuous side of life. The Indians were numerous at that time, and Mr. Rush remembers well many incidents for which the Indians were responsible, as well as many of their peculiar traits and customs. One of the most peculiar of these was the custom of the Indians feeding their dead after burial. They would bury their dead in a very shallow grave, if any, and cover the bodies with stones, and at the head of the grave would leave a small opening into which the Indians would pour specially-made soup and through which medium they imagined they fed their departed brothers. In that country there were hundreds and hundreds of Indian mounds, and some of these he remembers well of opening and securing relics, beads rings, etc.

Times were hard in Kansas for the pioneer settlers at that early date. One fact that is very vivid in the mind of Mr. Rush to this day is the fact that one-half bushel of timothy seed which his father had taken from Indiana to Kansas when they emigrated, was one year the means of their financial salvation. He remembers that this seed was planted and that he and one of his sisters beat out the seeds from the crop by hand, and that they realized \$10 per bushel, and with this money they paid their entrance fees on their land. Mr. Rush was taught to work, and work hard. He had very little chance for schooling, and what little he had received was obtained in a little school house actually 8x10 feet, and he could only attend a day now and then, as he had to work to live. He used oxen mostly. He remained with his father until he was 19 years of age, and at first after leaving home worked out at \$13 per month. He followed this for three years, and was finally able to get hold of 40 acres of unbroken land by trading an old yoke of oxen for a horse, and, horses being scarce, he was able to trade this horse for 40 acres of land. This was in 1880. This 40 he sold to another party on time, and then made arrangements to buy himself an 80-acre tract for which he was to pay \$300,

the first half to be paid when he received the \$150 due for the 40 he sold on time. He eventually paid for his, most of the purchase price coming from money he earned breaknig raw land for his neighbors. He had secured a young wild yoke of oxen. He married about this time, July 4th, 1881, a Miss Agnes C. Jones, who was born in Illinois October 25th, 1864, and a daughter of Elmer M. Jones and Helen M. Moore, his wife, who were also early settlers of Kansas, emigrating there about 1867, but subsequently moving to Lockwood, Mo., where Mr. Jones died in 1905, and his wife is still living, at the advanced age of 80 years, and resides with her daughter, Mrs. Rush. Right after his marriage Mr. Rush built a little log house 12x14. He cut the logs himself, giving half for the sawing of the lumber, and to this little place he took his bride. Here they lived for four or five years. The first winter he cleared two acres for a neighbor, getting the timber for clearing, and from this split his own rails and built a "stake and rider" three-rail fence around 30 acres, which he had broken the previous summer and on which he put in a crop. By devious methods of trading and managing he bought 18 acres of timber land, which he succeeded in trading for an 80-acre tract joining his original 80, which made him a tract of 160 acres, and in four years' time he had prospered to such an extent that from practically a beginning of nothing, he had paid for and owned 160 acres, 60 acres of which was under cultivation, and was out of debt. He stayed on this 160-acre farm, built a good house and barn, fenced complete, went into the sheep business, and prospered exceedingly, and in 1895 was considered a well-to-do farmer of that section of Kansas.

At that date he traded his land in Kansas for 240 acres of land in Dade County, Missouri, with an encumbrance of \$2,300, and here he moved his family. This place was known as the Uncle Billie Waggoner farm, and had been run down considerably, but after his strenuous pioneer life in Kansas he well knew how to put this fine place back in shape. He went to work with his accus-

tomed energy, improving the place with fences, barns and outbuildings, until now he has one of the finest stock farms of all Dade County. He has two large barns, one 36x50, which has a large basement, and one stone barn, 36x40 feet, and cultivates 140 acres, the balance of his ranch being in good grass pasture and timber land. On this place he has put a fine line of full-blooded stock, handles registered Shorthorn cattle, Shropshire sheep and Poland-China hogs. He is one of our leading stock men.

On his place may be found one fine registered Percheron stallion, named Monte Christo, and one registered jack, named Giant Jumbo, and a registered Shorthorn bull, named Red Cloud; in fact, Mr. Rush is a large breeder of jacks as well as Percheron horses. This place is well watered by wells, all wire-fenced and cross-fenced, and is an ideal stock farm. In addition to his holdings in Marion Township, Dade County, Mr. Rush owns 80 acres in Kansas and five and one-half acres adjoining the city of Lockwood.

Taken altogether, Mr. Rush is one of our most substantial citizens. To him and his wife have been born five children, the oldest, Rodger, died at the age of 4 years; Lawrence married Bertha Hamm, a native of Dade County, and they are farming in Barton County, this state, and have four children, as follows, Clarence, Walter, Elvin and Lester Elmer; Iva married A. P. Allen of Denver, Colo., a prominent business man of that city, where they live; Lena married August Braggs, a native of Iowa, and they are living on a part of Mr. Rush's place and have one fine boy named Leo Paul; Truman is at home, attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush are members of the Christian church, in which they take an active part. In politics Mr. Rush is a red-hot Republican. He was elected judge of the county court for the Western district in 1908, and served two years with credit to himself and with entire satisfaction to his constituents. He is a great friend of the public school and has served on the school board many years, as well as spending some of his energies as road

commissioner. Too much cannot be said for this high-minded, broad-guaged citizen. He is a self-made man in every sense of the word and stands at the front rank of Dade County's citizenship. We need, and have for years needed, more men of the calibre of Judge Rush. He is a booster for all things for the good of his county or its people, and can be relied upon to spend his money for any good cause along progressive lines. It is a pleasure to meet and know this broad-guaged, courteous gentleman. May he always remain a citizen of Dade County, is the earnest wish of thousands of Dade County citizens.

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W. E. SCOTT SR.

Born in Dade County September 20th, 1855, son of Emerson and Amanda (Tucker) Scott. He was the fourth in point of birth of a family of eight children:

- (1) Nancy, now Mrs. Winkle.
- (2) James R.
- (3) Alexander Hamilton.
- (4) W. E. Scott.
- (5) Perry.
- (6) Price.
- (7) Emerson.

W. E. Scott was 27 years of age when he started in business on his own account. He rented for two years and then bought 24 acres, 18 acres of which was improved. It had no house, but he moved a small two-room house upon it, and he has since added to it, doing all the work himself, until he now has a comfortable farm home. He has worked hard and prospered, so that now his farm consists of 120 acres of fine land, good buildings and modern conveniences.

On the 1st day of November, 1883, he was married to Susan A. McConnell, born in Dade County May 24th, 1858, daughter of Theodore and Margaret (Watson) McConnell, both now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of two children:



FRANK CHATHAM AND FAMILY. AT THE RESIDENCE IN NORTH SAC.



JOHN SEYBERT, AT HOME.

(1) Homer E., born March 10th, 1886. Is farming and living at home.

(2) Ira E., born September 17th, 1891, is also farming at home.

These boys own 40 acres adjoining their father's place.

Mr. Scott is interested in dairying, and finds that it pays. He keeps six cows, and, in addition to his clover pasture, has one and one-half acres of alfalfa, which yields splendidly. He favors the Red-Polled cattle for dairy purposes.

Politically Mr. Scott votes the Democratic ticket. His entire family, including himself, are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mr. Scott is wide-awake on the question of good roads and good schools. His farm is well located, well watered and especially adapted for dairy purposes. He has four good wells and one is equipped with a windmill. He takes great delight in farming enterprises, and both himself and his boys are enthusiastic concerning the future of Dade County.

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JOHN E. SCROGGS.

Was born upon the banks of the White river in the state of Arkansas about 50 miles west of Memphis in the year 1843. His father, William L. Scroggs, was born in North Carolina and died in Dade County in April, 1894, at the age of 76 years. He was of Scotch-Irish parentage, a farmer, and of strong anti-slavery proclivities. He came to Dade County in 1848, bringing his son, John E., with him. He located on a farm of 80 acres in Center Township about three and one-half miles northeast of Greenfield. He subsequently purchased adjoining land, and was prosperous. This land was all unimproved, and he built the first frame house in the neighborhood. He also introduced the first cook stove in the neighborhood, going to St. Louis in a wagon for it. It was quite a curiosity among the neighbors. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church for many years, first attending services in the homes of the community, and afterward assisting in build-

ing the brick (Ebenezer) church in Greenfield, where he was a regular attendant until his death. In politics he was first a Whig, but united with the Republican party when it was first organized. He continued in this political faith during life. He was public administrator of the county for many years.

William L. Scroggs married for his second wife Leah Caroline Mitchell of Tennessee about 1846. There were 14 children born of this marriage, nine of whom are still living:

- (1) Joseph W., resides in Oklahoma.
- (2) Luther M., of Hillsdale, Kas.
- (3) Walter, a resident of California.
- (4) Alfred, resides at Iola, Kas.
- (5) Mary Frances Orr, of Mt. Vernon, now deceased.
- (6) Ella Brumbach, of Seattle, Wash.
- (7) Minnie Schriver, of Mt. Vernon.
- (8) Lillie Weir, resides near Greenfield.
- (9) Belle Pollard, of Minneapolis.
- (10) Laure McConnell, of Mt. Vernon.

The first wife of William L. Scroggs was Rachael Jane Erwin, born in Iredale County, North Carolina, in 1823, daughter of John M. Erwin, a Presbyterian minister. Her husband, William L. Scroggs, was also born in the same county. She died when John E. was about four weeks old, he being the only child. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

John E. Scroggs was about 5 years old when he came to Dade County with his father and step-mother. Before coming to Missouri his father had run a store on White river, in Arkansas. John E. Scroggs grew up on a Center Township farm and obtained his meager education in the district schools of the neighborhood. He remained at home till 18 years of age, when he enlisted (1862) in the Federal army, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, as a private. Went into camp at Springfield and to the front soon after. He remained in the service three years and was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., having attained the rank of corporal. After his return home he again took up farming as an

occupation, which he followed for one year, then taught school in the neighborhood for two years. In 1869 he bought a farm of 80 acres in section 20 in Center Township. In November of the same year he married Malinda C. Dicus, a daughter of John M. and Jane (Tucker) Dicus, born in Center Township in May, 1848. Her parents were early settlers of the county, coming from Tennessee, and were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Both are now dead. Malinda C. died in November, 1875. To this marriage were born five children, three of whom died in infancy:

(1) Rachel Jane, married Lon Hurt. They had six children.

(2) Ruth, born in 1872; married R. E. Wasson of Greenfield. They have three children.

The second wife of John E. Scroggs was Virginia McConnell, born in Sac Township, Dade County, daughter of Theodore and Margaret McConnell. She died in November, 1882, leaving four children:

(1) Edwin T., a farmer living in Center Township, east of Greenfield. He married Kate Mitchell, and they have one child.

(2) William L., a merchant in Greenfield, also in the automobile business. Married Maude Engeleman. They have three children.

(3) David D., married Lottie Hartsock, and they reside in Appleton City. He is editor of the Journal. They have one boy.

(4) Rosa Ella, married T. K. McConnell of Greenfield. He is a civil engineer, former county highway engineer, and now engaged in the grocery business. They have one daughter.

The third wife of John E. Scroggs was Nannie Lieuallen, born near Lynchburg, Va., died in November, 1912, at the age of 59 years. Born of this marriage is one boy, Arthur C., now living at Humansville and editor of the Star-Leader.

John E. Scroggs married his present wife, Evelyn E. (Fisher) Ketchum, November 14th, 1914. She was born

at Pontiac, Livingstone County, Illinois, July 1st, 1865, daughter of George and Martha A. (Pratt) Fisher. Her father came to Dade County in 1875 and located in Greenfield. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, but owned a farm northwest of Greenfield. He died in Dade County. Mrs. Scroggs is a member of the Presbyterian church.

John E. Scroggs is a member of the Presbyterian church and has been an elder for 15 years. He is a Republican in politics, is justice of the peace in Center Township and is serving his second term as police judge of the city. He has been a successful business man, at one time owning 400 acres of land, of which he has left 230 acres, highly improved. He has retired from the farm and owns a comfortable home in Greenfield.

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JOHN C. SEYBERT.

A native of Sac Township, Dade County, Missouri, born July 4th, 1854, son of Silas E. and Mary Jane (Jackson) Seybert. His father was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, was educated in the east, married there, and came to Dade County in 1837. He was three times married, his first wife having died in Pennsylvania. His second wife was a Finley of pioneer stock. He married her in Dade County. His third wife was Mary Jane, widow of Meridith Hailey, who had two daughters by her first husband, Jane Hailey, who is now Mrs. T. B. Rountree of Cane Hill, and Fannie, who is now Mrs. Wood Kirby of Dadeville.

To this last marriage five children were born:

- (1) John C. Seybert.
- (2) Margaret, died at the age of 16 years.
- (3) Samuel J. Seybert.
- (4) William Seybert, in mercantile business in Cedar County.

Silas E. Seybert was a trader, and at one time owned about 1,000 acres of land in Dade and Cedar Counties. He built the first water mill at Seybert on Sac river and it took its name from him, and still retains it. He was a

Democrat, both from tradition, precedent and practice, and, in keeping with his ancient ideals and to fill a present as well as a long-felt want, he established a distillery, which he operated in connection with the mill. His life came to a tragic end, being shot in the very early days of the war, aged about 53 years. His widow re-married and lived until about 1910. She married Harvey Lloyd, and lived in Cedar County.

John C. Seybert obtained a meager education in the common schools of the county, and afterward, during the years 1875 and 1876, attended the Morrisville College. He was thrown upon his own resources when about 12 years of age, and worked until he married. He was married April 1st, 1878, to Miss Jennie L. Johnson, who was born February 7th, 1856, a native of Georgia. They were married at Fort Smith, Ark. After a short honeymoon he brought his bride to Dade County and rented land from his brother, Samuel. His worldly possessions at this time consisted of one pony. The following year he rented land in Cedar County of The. Johnson, then concluded to try Arkansas, going to that state overland in a wagon, but never unloaded his goods. He came back to Dade County and rented part of the old homestead near Seybert, which he cultivated for three or four years, then bought on credit a tract of 125 acres lying north of Seybert. This was unimproved timber land. He built a small house upon it, cleared and fenced, and after six or seven years sold out to William Toler. This was in 1893. After disposing of his farm he went to Cane Hill and entered the produce business, which he followed for ten years. In the meantime he had invsted now and then in real estate, first buying 60 acres in Cedar County, then 80 acres lying directly north of Cane Hill. After this he traded for 341 acres west of Cane Hill and moved upon it, where he remained for six years, eventually selling it in 1908 and went to California. He remained in the Golden state less than one year, when he bought a flour and feed business at Skiatook, Okla., and lived there two and one-half years, when he sold out and came back to Dade County. In 1912 he bought 282 acres in

Sac Township, where he now lives. It was then known as the Tom Smith place and was well improved. Mr. Seybert is engaged in general farming and feeds a carload or more of hogs for market each year. The farm is well watered with springs and spring branches. It is now called "The Willow Springs Stock Farm."

Mr. Seybert and wife were the parents of six children, three of them dying in infancy. Those living are:

(1) Mary, born September 19th, 1879, married to Clem Doolin. They had one child, Pearl. For her second husband she married a Mr. Sullivan of Joplin, Mo., where they now live.

(2) Sallie, born April 2nd, 1887, married Ervin Keller of Dade County. He died and she married Mr. Flemming of Cedar County. They have one child.

(3) Roger M., born October 20th, 1890, married Flossie Duncan, a native of Dade County. He lives with his father, and they are jointly interested in farming and stock raising enterprises.

Mr. Seybert's wife died on the 17th of March, 1907.

John C. Seybert is a member of the Christian church at Cane Hill, is a life-long Democrat and has been honored by his party by being elected judge of the county court of Cedar County, where he served with distinction for two years. He also served as justice of the peace for two years, and has been a member of the school board for more than 12 years, part of the time in Cedar County and part of the time in Dade County. He holds membership in the I. O. O. F. lodge at Stockton.

Mr. Seybert is a representative citizen of that sturdy, dependable stock for which Pennsylvania is famous. In appearance many times as rough and rugged as their native hills, but always a warm, true heart within. It is men of this class who have conquered the wilderness of the world and made many of them to bloom and blossom as a rose.

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ALBERT HAWES SCOTT.

Deceased.

A native of Dade County, Missouri, born September 13th, 1853, died September 11th, 1912, son of Emerson and

Amanda (Tucker) Scott. They were married in Dade County and were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living. Albert H. Scott was fourth in order of birth. He was 36 years of age when he started in life for himself. He was married at this age February 27th, 1889, to Rosa Stockton, born December 9th, 1866, daughter of Gibson and Rebecca (Patterson) Stockton. Her father was a native of Polk County, while her mother was born in Dade County, in which county they were married. Mrs. Scott was the third of a family of four children. Her two brothers, who are still living, are John Stockton and William Stockton, both farmers, living in Polk Township, about four miles east of Greenfield.

At the time of his marriage Albert H. Scott owned 100 acres of land fairly well improved. It was upon this farm that he took his bride and began life in earnest. He fenced the place with wire, cleared out additional fields and prospered. From time to time he purchased adjoining land until at the time of his death he had 228 acres all in one body. In 1906 he built a six-room dwelling house, and was a thrifty, well-to-do farmer. In politics he was a Democrat and served as a member of the school board for many years.

Mrs. Scott is a member of the Baptist church, a lady of culture and refinement and of a good family. Mrs. Scott and her sons continue to run the farm. They are engaged in general farming and feed about a carload of hogs each year. They also have raised sheep successfully. Four children were born to this union, all now at home:

- (1) Lester, born January 8th, 1891.
- (2) Elmer, born September 21st, 1893.
- (3) Finley, born January 31st, 1895. Is now in Instruction, Company B, Medical Corps, U. S. A.
- (4) Arlie, born May 22nd, 1900. Is now in school.

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WILLIAM E. SHAW.

Was born in Polk Township, Dade County, Missouri, September 17th, 1841, son of Samuel E. Shaw, born in Chris-

tian County, Kentucky, November 16th, 1818, and died in Dade County in 1891. His father, William, emigrated from Scotland and finally settled in Kentucky. Samuel E. Shaw was a farmer and very successful in his operations. He was the owner of 700 acres of land and a strong anti-slavery man. He came to Dade County in the spring of 1841. In politics he was originally a Whig, but afterward a Republican. He was sheriff and collector of Dade County and presiding justice of the county court. During the Civil war he was captain of the Home Guards, his sympathies being with the North. When he first came to Dade County he took up a claim of 160 acres of government land in Sac Township, all in the timber, upon which he built a double log house and otherwise improved. This house was afterward ceiled and weatherboarded and became quite habitable. He was a member of the M. E. church and a public-spirited citizen.

Samuel E. Shaw was married in Kentucky to Sarah Katherine Petty, a native of North Carolina, born in 1814 and died in Dade County in 1899. She was of English ancestry, a member of the M. E. church and the mother of seven children, four of whom are still living:

- (1) William E. Shaw, the subject of this sketch.
- (2) Mary Ann, married George W. Freedle, a Dade County farmer, who died in Greenfield in 1915. She still lives in Greenfield.
- (3) Sarah C., married Isaac T. Sloan, now deceased. He was a Sac Township farmer, afterward recorder of deeds of Dade County. She still resides in Greenfield.
- (4) Cyrus M., a retired Dade County farmer, now residing in Greenfield. He still owns a large farm in Sac Township.

James J. Shaw was the oldest child of this family. He enlisted for service in the Civil war in the Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and later in the Militia, and served during the war. He was lieutenant in the Militia. He represented Dade County one term in the Missouri Legislature, was a justice of the peace in Sac Township, a successful farmer, and died in Greenfield in 1910.

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ARKLEY FRIEZE AND FAMILY.

William E. Shaw was raised on a farm and attended the country schools. When less than 20 years of age he enlisted in the state troops, August 16th, 1861, and was later mustered into the United States service. He served over four years, was a non-commissioned officer and was mustered out at New Orleans as orderly sergeant. Returning home, he bought a farm in Sac Township and afterward moved to North Township, where he remained until he was elected recorder of deeds of Dade County. During his term of office he resided in Greenfield, after which he bought a farm in Marion Township and moved there. Again, in 1912, he took up his residence in Greenfield.

About the year 1865 he joined the M. E. church and was licensed as a local preacher in 1880, after having completed the required course of study. In 1884 he was ordained as a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian church and took charge of a congregation in Sac Township, spending half the time at Oak Grove church, and has remained in the Ozark Presbytery ever since. He was called to the church in Greenfield in 1906. During his administration the fine brick church was erected at a cost of \$3,500. He is now on an extended vacation in California.

William E. Shaw was first married December 10th, 1865, to Sarah S. Barnett, born in Vernon County, Missouri, in 1838. Both her parents are now dead. She died September 21st, 1890. Seven children were born of this marriage, all living:

(1) James E., a merchant and mechanic of Greenfield, operates a tank factory and garage, sells automobiles, and is prosperous. He married Katie Griggs, and they have six children.

(2) Robert E., resides in Kansas City, is a traveling salesman by occupation, married Elizabeth Jackson, and they have one child.

(3) Luther M., married Bertha Merrill, lives in western Iowa, is a painter and paperhanger by occupation, and they have three children.

(4) Jessie May, married J. T. Davenport, a carpenter by occupation, lives at Riverside, Calif. They have three children.

(5) Hugh E., was first married to Jessie German. They have two children; second, to Nora Kitchen, and they have one child.

(6) Ivar W., a soldier in the United States Army, now located in the Philippine Islands. Is a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

(7) Anna E., is now living with her brother, who is a plumber at Nampa, Idaho.

William E. Shaw married for his second wife Martha J. Jones in 1892. She was born in Cooper County, Missouri, in 1852, a daughter of Jesse and Martha (Taylor) Jones, who came to Marion Township in 1861. He was a farmer. She received a common school education. Her father represented Dade County in the Missouri Legislature during the war, being elected by reason of his military record.

To this union was born a daughter, Leta E., August 3rd, 1893. She attended the public schools of the county and High school. Has a good musical education and followed teaching as a profession till her marriage in 1909 to Paris E. Wyrick, a farmer, residing on the Shaw farm in Marion Township. They have two children.

William E. Shaw is a member of the G. A. R. and has acted as chaplain since his membership. In politics he is a Republican, having been elected recorder of deeds on that ticket, and a member of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly of Missouri.

He has 17 grandchildren and congratulates himself upon the fact that he has never lost a child or grandchild by death.

LEVIN WILCOXON SHAFER.

Was born at Muncie, Ind., August 8th, 1837, son of George and Martha (Wilcoxon) Shafer, who went from a spot in the Meimia Valley near Portsmouth, O., to Indiana in a very early day. They were of German ancestry, the forebearers of the family emigrating from the Fatherland to southern Ohio. They were farmers, and George went to Indiana when Muncie was but a hamlet. He was a success-

ful farmer and stock raiser and died in Indiana at the age of 92 years. His first wife died at about the age of 35 years. They were both members of the M. E. church. He was again married. To the first marriage were born four children, only one of whom is living, Margaret, now Mrs. H. Weir, now living on a farm near Muncie, Ind. One son, John, was a veteran of the Civil war.

Levin W. Shafer was raised on a farm, graduated from the Muncie High School, from a business college in Cincinnati, read law in Muncie and was admitted while a young man to practice in the courts of his native state. At the breaking out of the Civil war he recruited a company while reading law in December, 1864, and was mustered into the service as second lieutenant of Company G, 134th Indiana Infantry Volunteers, under the call for 300,000 men to serve 100 days. His commission is signed by President Lincoln and Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War. He saw considerable service during his short enlistment. After the surrender of General Lee he was detailed to duty on court-martial at Decatur, Ala., and was detained there until November, when his regiment was mustered out.

He then returned to Indiana and resumed his law studies and was admitted to the practice. In November, 1865, he came to Lamar, Mo., but finding no attraction there, after a sojourn of one month he came to Greenfield and hung out his shingle. He immediately built up a lucrative practice, which he maintained during his active life.

As the years went by Levin W. Shafer became one of the leading lawyers of southwest Missouri. He accumulated a large amount of money and property, but lost much of it in mining operations and speculations. He built a splendid home in Greenfield upon land owned by his father-in-law, and this home and its surrounding lawn is still one of the show places of the city. Among his friends and neighbors he was, to use the words of a local newspaper, "The best loved man and citizen of Greenfield." He was a prominent Mason, and in politics a Republican, though not a politician. In the 70's he was elected probate judge of Dade County and served four years. He affiliated with the

Liberal Republicans in 1872, voting for Greeley and Brown, which caused both his Democratic and Republican friends to desert him, resulting in his defeat when he run for re-election. His departure from the fold was, however, soon forgotten and condoned, when, in the fall of 1904, he was elected circuit judge on the Republican ticket in the Twenty-sixth Judicial Circuit, which position he held up to the time of his death, which occurred May 9th, 1906, at Lamar, where he was holding a term of court, life ceasing suddenly while sitting in a chair from an affection of the heart.

He was married to Jane H. Bowles in 1866, daughter of Samuel B. and Elizabeth (Vaughn) Bowles of the Bowles family of nation-wide reputation through the editorship of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Mrs. Shafer was born in Sequatchie Valley, Tenn., August 15th, 1842, of English ancestry. The Vaughns went to Virginia in a very early day, and a Vaughn, a great-grandfather of Mrs. Shafer, served in the Revolutionary war. The Vaughns lived mostly in Louisa and Culpepper Counties, Virginia. Mrs. Shafer's parents came from Tennessee to Dade County about 1850 and located in Greenfield. Her father was a physician and established a lucrative practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowles were both members of the Presbyterian church. He was a prominent Mason, and old-line Whig, and afterwards a Republican. During the Civil war a military post was established (the Missouri Voluntary Cavalry, under Colonel John F. Phelps), and Dr. Bowles was the post surgeon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bowles died many years ago in Greenfield.

Levin W. Shafer and wife were the parents of six children:

- (1) Carl A., died at the age of 16 years.
- (2) Bertha Bowles, born in Greenfield, married Fred W. Warner, president of the Oakland Motor Company at Pontiac, Mich. They have two sons, Fred W. and Daniel Sumner.
- (3) Frederick L., born in Greenfield October 5th, 1871.

(3) Eleanor K., born in Greenfield October 5th, 1873, married Hugh Harrison, a merchant of Greenfield.

(5) Lina Bowles, born in Greenfield May 13th, 1876, is now with the Kansas City branch of the Oakland Motor Company.

(6) Philip, died in infancy.

Mrs. Shafer is a member of the Presbyterian church. Frederick L. Shafer attended the Greenfield schools and took the academic course for two years at Drury College, Springfield, entered the Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., in 1891, taking academic course for three years. He then returned to his home in Greenfield and read law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar in 1897. Was with his father in the practice until the former was elected circuit judge, and then he continued the practice in the firm of Shafer & Bowles, later as Shafer & Wetzel, and since then alone.

In the year 1900 he made a set of abstract books of Dade County, which he later sold, and for some time he has been engaged in abstracting, using a set of books owned by S. A. Payne.

Frederick L. Shafer was married in 1902 to Jennie Clark, born in Dadeville in 1876, a daughter of Edgar and Ann Eliza (Morris) Clark, early settlers in Dade County. They were originally from Kentucky.

To this union were born three children:

(1) Frederick L., born in Greenfield in 1903.

(2) Janice B., born in Greenfield in 1905.

(3) Edgar Clark, born in Greenfield in 1911.

Frederick L. Shafer is a prominent Mason, a member of the local lodge I. O. O. F. and is an active Republican in politics.

The Shafer family has been one of the landmarks of Dade County. Levin W. Shafer served for 35 years continuously on the school board of Greenfield district, and was always identified with every public movement in the county. His election as circuit judge on the Republican ticket in a district overwhelmingly Democratic was a just tribute to his worth as a man and the esteem in which he was held as a citizen.

RALEIGH J SHIPLEY.

Born June 26th, 1844, in Warren County, Tenn., son of Tidance and Lucinda (Mitchell) Shipley, who in the fall of 1850 came overland, driving ox teams, from Tennessee to Dade County, bringing two children with them: Raleigh J. and Laura, who is now Mrs. John Faurbin of Cheyenne, Wyo. There were several other pioneer families came to Missouri with the Shipley's, among them the Mitchell family. They all settled near Greenfield. Two years after coming to the county, Tidance Shipley bought 40 acres of land and entered 160 acres, making 200 acres in one body lying two and one-half miles northwest of Greenfield. Here he raised his family, which consisted of four children:

- (1) Raleigh J., the subject of this sketch.
- (2) Laura, now Mrs. John Faubein of Cheyenne, Wyo.
- (3) William J., who died about 1896, leaving a family of five children, who are now scattered.
- (4) James S., a merchant and real estate man of Greenfield.

Raleigh J. Shipley remained at home until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted in the Union army. A full history of his company and regiment, with mention of his individual service, will be given in another place in this volume. Mr. Shipley has been Commander of the local G. A. R. Post in Greenfield since 1900, and is now Officer of the Day in that organization. He has always taken an active part in all the enterprises of the G. A. R., and much of its local success is due to the zeal and enthusiasm of Mr. Shipley.

During the war Mr. Shipley saved the greater part of his meager wages and upon his return home he purchased 120 acres of land two miles east of Lockwood, upon which there were practically no improvements except one small log cabin, which he patched up and to which he took his bride and began life in earnest.

He lived on this farm seven years, made some improvements and sold it and purchased 80 acres of land on Sons Creek, to which he afterward added 40 acres, all lying just five miles west of Greenfield, and fairly well improved. He lived on this place seven years, when he traded it for 80 acres near Ernest. He afterward sold this and bought 80 acres in Center Township on the Arcola road, two and one-half miles northwest of Greenfield. He lived on this place some time, when he sold it in 1902 and bought a small farm of 30 acres adjoining the city of Greenfield, where he is at present living a happy, retired life.

Mr. Shipley was married on the 25th day of February, 1866, to Nancy E. Cook, daughter of Phaeroh and Mary Cook, natives of East Tennessee, but a pioneer family of Dade County. To this union were born seven children:

(1) Annie L., born March 10th, 1867, married A. P. Parnell. She is now deceased, leaving one child, Raleigh E., the only living representative of this family. He is now in the U. S. navy.

(2) Mary J., born September 13th, 1868, married Robert E. Lamb, who died early, leaving one daughter, Katie, now Mrs. Wiley E. Griffith. Mary married again, this time to Ira Bardmas, who died, leaving one child, Hattie Bardmas. Mary again married, this time to James H. Davidson of Greenfield, Mo., who is now deceased.

(3) Willie, born January 25th, 1870, married Julius McGinty, who died, when she was again married to Charles Messick, a carpenter living at Greeley, Colo. They have five children, Maude, Sylvia, Roxie, Finis and Albert.

(4) Clara A., born August 15th, 1873, married W. C. Starr, a carpenter now living in Greenfield. She died in 1903, leaving four boys: Leonard, Howard, Roy and Clarence.

(5) Albert E., born September 5th, 1878, married Sarah Price. They live in Houston, Texas, and have five children: Roy, Harold, Clyde, Kenneth and Irene.

(6) Margie M., born March 10th, 1880, married Joseph Stephenson, of Greenfield. They have three children: Joseph, Gerald and Marguerite.

(7) Nora E., born March 19th, 1885, married Clarence Brown. She died March 21st, 1909.

Mrs. Shipley was a native of Dade County, Mo., born April 7th, 1846, daughter of Pharaoh and Mary (McClure) Cook. Her father died a great many years ago, but the mother died in 1912 at the age of 97 years 2 months and 20 days.

Mrs. Shipley was the sixth in point of birth of a family of sixteen children.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipley are active members of the Baptist church. He is a Republican in politics, served three terms as Justice of the Peace and two terms as a member of the Township Board in Center Township. The only secret organization to which he belongs is the G. A. R.

Mr. Shipley has been active in the good roads movement in Dade County, is an enthusiastic farmer, florist and gardener, and has made a specialty of fruit and bee culture.

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JOHN C. SHOUSE.

Was born in Kentucky November 3rd, 1834, son of William O. Shouse, a native of Kentucky, born in 1812. His parents came to Kentucky from Pennsylvania in a very early day and were of German ancestry. William O. Shouse came to Missouri in 1837 and settled upon land now near the townsite of Westport, a suburb of Kansas City, Jackson Avenue being on the west part of the homestead, it also bordering on Elmwood cemetery. He became successful as a farmer, sold his homestead, which was afterward laid out in town lots, and died in Kansas City August 18th, 1892. He was a member of the Baptist church and one of its officers. In politics he was an old-line Whig, but after the Civil war became a Democrat. For a number of years he conducted a grocery business and accumulated consider-



SILAS SHAW AND FAMILY. AT HOME NEAR SEYBERT.



REV. HERBERT M. SHAW.

able property. He was associate judge of the county court in Jackson county for a number of years.

William O. Shouse was married to Harriet A. Bryan, a native of Kentucky, born in 1814, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Alexander) Bryan. Her father was of Irish and her mother of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Her parents went into Kentucky at a very early day, her father being an intimate friend and admirer of Daniel Boone. Her father was a successful farmer, and the family were members of the Baptist church. Joseph was a Whig in politics. Her parents both died in Kentucky. Harriet was married in 1833 and was the mother of four children:

- (1) John C., the subject of this sketch.
- (2) Mary, now deceased.
- (3) Caroline W., now deceased.
- (4) Martha V., married Jackelun Morgan, a real estate dealer, now residing in Kansas City.

John C. Shouse was raised on the farm and received but a limited education, principally pertaining to farming. The common free public school system was adopted about the time he was 10 years of age, but they were few and far between, the closest one being about 10 miles away.

Kansas City in that day consisted of a few straggling business houses scattered along the river front and over the adjoining bluffs. It was yet in its infancy. Mr. Shouse was always a farmer. He came to Dade County from Jackson County in the fall of 1880 and settled on section 31, in Morgan Township, where he owned about 400 acres of land. He now has 120 acres in Center Township and 240 acres in Ernest Township. He has enjoyed the full measure of success in his farming and stock raising enterprises. In the year 1903 he retired from the active farm life and purchased a lovely home on College street in Greenfield, one of the most attractive in the city. He is now leading a quiet, retired life and learning how to grow old gracefully.

He was married in 1857 to Mary Ann Campbell, born in Kentucky and dying in the year 1874 at the age of 39 years. She was of Scotch ancestry, attended the Presbyterian church and was the mother of seven children:

(1) William, resides at Lexington, Mo., has a family of six children, engaged in merchandising.

(2) Eva, married John B. Clark of Los Angeles, Cal., an artisan. They have one child.

(3) Nancy, married William W. Johnson, a freight solicitor for the Union Pacific railroad. They had two children; one is now deceased.

(4) Hattie, married John Todd, a farmer of Norman, Okla. They had 14 children, 11 of whom are living.

(5) Harry, a farmer of Center Township. They have three children.

(6) Charles, a farmer living near Moberly, Mo. They had five children, four of whom are living.

(7) Mary Ann, married Henry Rube Oglesby of Warrensburg, former railroad and warehouse commissioner of Missouri, now with the Standard Oil Company. They have three children.

After the death of his first wife John C. Shouse married Caroline Neece, born in South Carolina, died in 1891 at the age of 38 years. She was of Irish ancestry, her parents moving to Jackson County, Missouri, in an early day, in which county she was married. She was the mother of five children:

(1) Martha Virginia, married William Cowen, a farmer of Polk County. They have two children.

(2) John Caswell, married and has six children. He is a Colorado farmer.

(3) Caroline, married Sherman Duncan and is now living in Morgan Township. They have three children.

(4) Edward, married and living in Colorado. They have two children.

(5) Ben, lives in Cedar County and has three children.

Some years after the death of his second wife John C. Shouse married Almira Frances Smith, born in Morgan Township, Dade County, Missouri, February 12th, 1859, daughter of James M. and Cytha Ann (Morris) Smith. They came to Dade County from Cass County, Missouri, in 1854. They were farmers and very successful. They came

from Tennessee to North Missouri, the mother being a native of Kentucky. Mrs. Shouse was sixth in point of birth in a family of eight children.

To this last union one child was born:

Cythia Harriet, born on the farm April 28th, 1894, graduated from the Greenfield High School and died December 10th, 1915. She was a member of the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Shouse are each members of the Christian church. He is a life-long Democrat, but never had any political aspirations. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity with membership in Greenfield. He has 47 living grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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SILAS E. SHAW.

One of Dade County's most prominent native sons is Silas E. Shaw of Sac Township. He was born February 10th, 1871, a son of Rev. Samuel M. Shaw and Lucretia Jane Hobbs, his wife. Rev. Samuel Shaw was also a native of Dade County from January 1st, 1845, and his father, Samuel E. Shaw, was a native of Kentucky, where he married Miss Kate Petty, a native of North Carolina, and they emigrated to Dade County, Missouri, in 1840 and entered considerable land and also bought, and he became one of the prominent farmers of the county, as well as a very prominent factor in local politics. He was a republican and directly following the civil war was elected sheriff and collector, and in 1870 was elected as judge of the county court, and served for many years with credit to himself and the county. He was especially well educated for his time, and was a leader in religious matters, being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the war he served in the Home Guards. He died in 1891 and his wife passed away in 1896. Rev. Samuel M. Shaw was educated in Dade County and at the time of the great civil war enlisted in Company D, Sixth Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, and served with distinction. He died at Greenfield April 1st, 1913,

after a long and useful life of doing good to others. He was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, and at one time served on the county court as judge. His wife is still living at Greenfield. They raised a large family and gave them all fine educations. All but the oldest of the girls of the family were teachers in early life. A brief record of this fine family is as follows: Of the twelve children, two died in infancy; Cora A. is now Mrs. J. F. Montgomery of Sac Township; Silas E. of this review; R. M. lives on the old Shaw homestead in Sac Township; Myrtle E. is now Mrs. Arthur Morris of Greenfield; Leonard M. of Greenfield; Gaylord H. lives in Lindsey, Cal.; Elsie Vale and Elva Gale, twins, Elsie is unmarried and is now teaching in McAlister Okla., while Elva is now Mrs. Howard Berry of Greenfield; Mary E. is now Mrs. Arthur Hessler of Jerome, Idaho; Rose Arnetta is also unmarried and teaching in McAlister, Okla.

Silas E. Shaw remained at home with his parents, helping them with the farm until his 21st year. On Feb. 25th, 1892, he married Miss Mary M. Marcum, who was born September 7th, 1872, a daughter of William K. and Marietta V. (Hembree) Marcum, he a native of Tennessee and she of Dade County.

Silas Shaw, after spending one year in Indian Territory, where he put in one crop on rented land, bought 70 acres in Sac Township, Dade County, and near Seybert. This was partly improved, about half in cultivation and had a small cabin. Here he went to work with a will and greatly improved by clearing and fencing with wire, and prospered with his business, and in 1902 bought 147 acres adjoining him on the south. This place was fairly well improved and had a good residence, which Mr. Shaw has rebuilt until now it is one of the finest farm residences in the county. He has added large and numerous barns and outbuildings, and today this fine 217-acre farm is considered one of the best in the entire county and is exceptionally well watered with springs, wells and the Sac river.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have been born 12 children, as follows: Nora Caroline, born October 15th, 1896, died

September 3rd, 1898; Eulalia Ruth, born February 18th, 1893, is now teaching in Sac Township; Herbert M., born January 23rd, 1895, lives at home and is preaching in the Church of God; Bessie J., born October 10th, 1898; Susie E., born September 30th, 1900; William E., born September 17th, 1902; George Argus, born September 8th, 1904; Robert E., born July 31st, 1906; Mary L., born July 12th, 1908; Henrietta C., born May 5th, 1910; Haydn Lorenzo, born May 26th, 1912; Lilly Maxine, born March 7th, 1914. All the last named nine children are at home and attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are fine Christian people, and are members of the Church of God, a religious belief that has a large and representative following in Dade County. In politics Mr. Shaw is a Republican and has served on the school board for some years. He does not care for office, preferring to devote his time and energies to his large business interests and his fine family. His farming operations are indeed large, and he raises considerable stock, including horses, mules, hogs and cattle. Mr. Shaw comes from one of the very best families of the county and he and his wife can justly be proud of their success in life as well as their fine family, which they have raised in the fear of God and who are growing up to be our best citizens. Mr. Shaw is a kindly, courteous, Christian gentleman, whom it is a pleasure to meet and know, and it is such men as he that constitute the backbone of the fine citizenship of Good Old Dade County.

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ISAAC THOMAS SLOAN.

Was born in Dade County, Missouri, September 17th, 1845, and died in Greenfield July 2nd, 1911, son of William Bradley Sloan, who came from Tennessee to Dade County in the latter part of the 30's. He, however, located first in Greene County, but in a short time came on to Dade County and entered land in Sac Township near Sac river, where he built a large double log house and cleared out his land. Both he and his wife died on this farm. They were of Eng-

lish-Irish ancestry. As early as 1849 he took the gold fever and spent some years in California in digging the golden dust. He was successful in all his undertakings, and during life accumulated considerable property. He was a Whig in politics. He was twice married, his second wife being Flora L. Fanning, daughter of Thomas and Harriet Fanning, who came from Tennessee in the 30's and settled in Sac Township about one mile from the Sloans. They were the first families in the neighborhood.

Isaac T. Sloan was raised on a farm and attended the country schools. When 18 years of age he enlisted in Company L, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, in 1862, and served until the end of the war. He was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., and returned home to the farm. He had a well improved farm, being part of the old homestead, where for many years he was engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In December, 1898, he moved to Greenfield, having been elected recorder of deeds that fall. He served four years as recorder and also filled an unexpired term as county collector by appointment. He was a member of the M. E. church and took great interest in its affairs. He was also a member of the G. A. R. post at Greenfield. In politics he was originally an old-line Whig, but later a Republican.

Isaac T. Sloan was married on the 24th day of September, 1865, to Sarah Catharine Shaw, born November 25th, 1850, daughter of Samuel E. and Catherine (Petty) Shaw, who came from Kentucky in the 30's and settled in Sac Township. The Pettys lived in Kentucky and later came to Pettis County, Missouri. The Shaws were successful farmers and died on the old homestead in Sac Township. They were of English-Irish ancestry and had eight children, two dying in infancy:

(1) James J., a successful farmer of Sac Township, represented Dade County in the Missouri Legislature and died in Greenfield in 1910.

(2) William E., a pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Greenfield.

(3) Mary Ann.

(4) Samuel Manarie, lived for years and raised a family on the old homestead, was a local preacher in the M. E. church, was associate judge of the county court, moved to Greenfield and died there.

(5) Irvin E.

(6) Sarah Catharine, widow of I. T. Sloan.

(7) Cyrus.

(8) Laura Etta.

Mrs. Sloan was raised on a farm and attended the country schools, was married to I. T. Sloan and was the mother of eight children, six of whom are still living:

(1) Laura J., married Joseph McLemore, a farmer and stock dealer residing in Greenfield. They have three children.

(2) Flora, married Edward C. Montgomery, a farmer of Nanton, Canada. They have five children.

(3) Oscar T., born February 5th, 1874, in Sac Township.

(4) Minnie C., married Ottis Hargrave, a farmer in Canada. They have three children.

(5) William Walter, a farmer in Canada; one child.

(6) Iva Ferrel, married Ira Pilkington, a railroad man of Greenfield. They have two children.

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JOSEPH W. McLEMORE.

Was born in Sac Township May 3rd, 1863, son of Wesley McLemore, who was born in Tennessee June 7th, 1827. He came to Dade County in 1849 and, with his brother, A. J. McLemore, both being single, located in Sac Township. Wesley soon returned to Tennessee and his brother, Archibald McLemore, came back to Dade County with him. Wesley McLemore was raised on a farm and had practically no education. Both his parents died when he was quite young.

Joseph W. McLemore was raised on a farm, attended country school and remained on the old homestead until his marriage, and he and his brother still own the old place.

This farm, part of it having been settled by his father, has never been out of the family. He bought the old Wilson

Dicus farm in Sac Township of 430 acres, and also owns one-half of the home place, which contains 177 acres, both well improved.

Mr. McLemore has been extensively engaged in buying and shipping stock for many years and devotes his entire time and attention to farming, stock raising and shipping.

He was married October 8th, 1885 to Laura Sloan, a daughter of Isaac T. and Sarah Catherine (Shaw) Sloan, born July 3rd, 1867. She attended the common schools of the county and is the mother of three children:

(1) Zetta Fern, born December 24th, 1891, graduated from Greenfield High School and is engaged in teaching music.

(2) Orville, born April 11th, 1895, married Alma Finley and is engaged in farming on the old homestead in Sac Township.

(3) Flora Ella, born November 12th, 1899, graduated from the Greenfield High School in class of 1917.

Mr. McLemore and family are prominent members and workers in the M. E. church, have a lovely home on Maple street in Greenfield, his girls are both splendid musicians and their home is an ideal one. Mr. McLemore is a republican in politics and is counted one of the substantial business men of the county.

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OSCAR P. SLOAN.

Was born February 5th, 1874 in Sac Township, son of Isaac T. and Sarah Catherine (Shaw) Sloan. He received a good common school education, and on the 3rd day of May, 1896 was married to Birdie M. Davidson, a native of Dade County, born July 15th, 1878, daughter of James and Elizabeth Jane (Taylor) Davidson, both now deceased. They were old residents of Dade County and farmers.

Oscar P. Sloan came to Greenfield in 1911 and clerked in a store and after one year opened a grocery store on his own account, in which business he is still engaged.



TOM ROUNTREE AND FAMILY.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan are the parents of four children, one dying in infancy named Linzel:

- (1) Edna Fern, born December 19th, 1901.
- (2) Gladys R., born October 19th, 1904.
- (3) Raymond Edward, born October 10th, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan are members of the M. E. church and he is an active republican in politics.

ROBERT SPAIN.

One of our highly honored citizens of Dade County is Robert Spain of Smith Township. He being one of the oldest native sons of our county and was born here January 21st, 1844 a son of Lewis and Martha Penn, both natives of Tennessee and were among the very early settlers of this part of Missouri. The Penn family were a prominent pioneer family and from them Penn Prairie received its name. Lewis Spain entered some 700 acres of land and was a prosperous farmer and at the time of his death in 1882 owned 440 acres besides having given his children considerable land to start them in life. His wife lived some years after him passing away in 1900 at a ripe old age and loved and respected by all. They raised a large family, three of their sons served in the Confederate Army, Richard was in Company A and was killed in battle in Arkansas and Wm. D. served through the war and died in Dade county where his wife and children still live. Robert, the subject of this review was a member of company A and served over three years and after its close remained in Texas for one year when he came back to Dade county and took up his residence in 1866, working on the home farm with his father at general farming and stock raising. He also followed teaming for about two years. June 30th, 1879, Mr. Spain married Fannie (Harrel) Stapp who was the widow of Killis Stapp and by whom she had one daughter, Lillie, who married Theo Oldham and died in 1911 leaving three children, Sylvia, Jewell and Claude To Mr. and Mrs. Spain were born six children as follows: Warren J., born September 7th, 1877, married Fannie

Stapp and they live on a fine farm close to the Spain homestead and have six children, Edna, Iva, Lulu, Howard, Carlton and Ellis; Homer, born March 7th, 1882, married his first wife, Mollie Mitchell who died leaving four children, Eula, Louis, Mildren and Robert. He married again to Miss Gertie Murs and they have one child, Edith J.; Ira L., born March 7th, 1886, married Stella Speers and their children are, Myrtle and Velmar, they are also large farmers and stock raisers in Dade; Bell, born December 16th, 1889, is now Mrs. Wm. Mallory and has four children, Everett, Geneva, Elsie and Laura; Nora A., born April 20th, 1892, first married James Lack by whom she had two children, named, Oval and Ovia, she married again to Homer Montgomery and they reside in California and have one child, Merle; Mr. Spain's first farming for himself was done on an 80-acre tract that he had purchased previous to his marriage and here he and his wife prospered and added land until they had 200 acres. At the time of his father's death, Mr. Spain bought out all the other heirs and moved to the old Spain homestead of 440 acres and where he now lives in a large commodious residence. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising on a large scale although he rents out some of his land. Mr. and Mrs. Spain are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and in politics Mr. Spain is a democrat and he has been influential in the party, and has served as town assessor and for many years on the school board. Mr. Spain is a member of the Confederate Veteran Camp at Greenfield. Too much cannot be said of the high esteem in which Robert Spain and his family are held in minds and hearts of the people of Dade county. Mr. Spain is a fine broad minded, courteous and Christian gentleman and he and his family have been a blessing to this county and we hope that Mr. and Mrs. Spain may live many, many years filled with happiness and contentment.

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BOLIVER WRIGHT SMITH.

Was born in South Morgan Township, Dade County, Missouri, March 12th, 1861, son of John W. and Sallie

Ann (Morgan) Smith. His father is still living near Arcola, in North Township, at the advanced age of 84 years. His mother died in 1896.

B. W. Smith was the 3rd child in a family of nine, all of whom are dead but three. Vinton Smith lives with his father near Arcola, while his sister Dell is now Mrs. Murphy Shaw of Greenfield.

John W. Smith came to Dade County in 1837, being brought by his father and mother from Tennessee. They were among the very early settlers of the county. It is said that there were only twelve white families living in Dade County at that time.

At the time of his marriage, B. W. Smith was renting land and farming in different places in the county up to 12 years ago when he bought 93 acres in Sac township which he kept four years then bought 120 acres north of Dadeville. This was in 1908. This last place was very little improved with a fair frame house. He has since broken and cleared out, fenced and cross-fenced with hog-tight wire and built a good barn. The place is well watered by two good springs and a good well. At the time of his election as Sheriff of Dade County, Mr. Smith was engaged in general farming and stock raising, usually feeding out all his crop and marketing from one to two car loads of hogs each year.

He was married April 15th, 1883 to Allie Van Hooser, born May 20th, 1866, daughter of John Newton and Elizabeth (Logan) Van Hooser, both natives of Tennessee, coming to Dade county among the early settlers. Mrs. Smith was born one mile west of Dadeville. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of five children, viz:

(1) Hubert, born January 21st, 1885, died August 5th, 1888.

(2) Homer, born July 2nd, 1887, married Bessie Wilson, a native of Dade County. They have four children: Opal, Sherman, Madaline and Josephine. They live in North Morgan Township.

(3) Macie, born July 22nd, 1889, married Joe Witt, a farmer of North Morgan Township, a native of Dade County. They have two children: Elma and Wilma.

(4) Ray, born August 3rd, 1891, married Sabra Kirby, a native of Dade County. They live in South Morgan Township and have one child, Leon.

(5) John Wesley, born October 29th, 1899, still at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are each members of the Christian church, he is a Republican, has served on school board for a number of years. He is making a splendid official but expects to return to his farm when his term of office expires.

Mrs. Smith has four brothers living in Dade County: John B. Van Hooser, J. I. Van Hooser, W. H. Van Hooser and R. H. Van Hooser. One C. N. Van Hooser lives at Hoisington, Kansas and one, J. E. Van Hooser lives in California.

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F. M. SNEED DRUG COMPANY.

F. M. Sneed, the proprietor of this Drug Company was born in Greene County, Missouri, January 1st, 1883, son of J. P. and Mollie (Knox) Sneed, the former being a native of Greene County and his father was a pioneer from Tennessee. J. P. Sneed was married in Greene county, Mo., in 1881. He was a farmer and is still active. Is a republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Mrs. J. P. Sneed was also a native of Greene County, of the old pioneer Knox stock who were originally from Tennessee.

F. M. Sneed was the oldest of a family of 14 children, all of whom are living except one who died at the age of 2 years. Mr. Sneed was educated in the schools of Greene county and supplemented that education by entering the Queen City Business College from which he graduated in 1903 after which he went to Pleasant Hope in Polk county where he worked for the Pleasant Hope Milling Company for one year then entered the drug business as

clerk for The J. W. Crank Drug Company at Springfield, in which position he remained for twelve years. On the 19th day of December, 1907, he was licensed as a Registered Pharmacist and in June, 1914 came to Greenfield and bought out the Weir pharmacy. He immediately enlarged the stock and now carries a complete, up-to-date line of drugs and medicines, including jewelry, books, stationery, cut glass, paints, oils, druggists' sundries and medical appliances. It is one of the most complete pharmacies to be found in the country.

F. M. Sneed was married on the 8th day of September, 1908, to Miss Bessie B. White, born May 4th, 1889 in Springfield, daughter of A. C. and Fannie (Gott) White. To this union was born, one child, Melvin White Sneed, July 5th, 1912 in Springfield. Mr. Sneed is a Republican in politics and both himself and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He is an active, energetic, public-spirited man, wide awake to the best interests of the community and in every way an exemplary citizen.

HUGH STAPP.

Born March 21st, 1852, in Monroe County, Tenn., son of Achillis Granville Stapp also born in Tenn., February 21st, 1830, and Margaret (Weir) Stapp, a native of Tenn., born August 31st, 1826. Father and mother were married in Tennessee, April 24th, 1851 and came to Missouri, overland, in an ox wagon and settled first in Greene county in fall of 1852. He later took up a claim on the prairie in Dade county but was forced to give it up by reason of the treachery of persons he supposed were his friends. In company with his family he went back to Greene county on a visit just before the breaking out of the war and was taken sick and for a few years his life was despaired of. After the war he entered 120 acres and purchased 40 acres adjoining, upon which he made his home until the date of his death, June 30th, 1870. He was buried in Christian county.

Achillis G. Stapp and wife were the parents of six children:

(1) Granville Armstrong, died May 28th, 1863, aged 1 year.

(2 and 3) Hugh and Achillis (twins).

(4) Jasper, B., born July 5th, 1854.

(5) Sarah Elizabeth, born February 15th, 1856.

(6) Elbridge Newton, born November 26th, 1859.

All of the above children are living in Dade county, Hugh Stapp was married February 11th, 1877 to Louisa Morris, who was born June 29th, 1858, a daughter of Monroe and Mary Jane (Menesse) Morris, both natives of Tennessee but were married in Dade County, December 1st, 1853.

James Monroe Morris died in Dade County, February 28th, 1905 and his wife Mary Jane Morris died the same year, January 10th, 1905. They were the parents of 13 children:

(1) Sarah Cordelia, born February 13th, 1856.

(2) Mary Josephine, born April 20th, 1857.

(3) Louisa Zipporah, born June 29th, 1858.

(4) Malissa, born June 4th, 1860.

(5) Martha, born September 8th, 1861.

(6) James Monroe, born October 2nd, 1862.

(7) Susan Rittabell, born February 12th, 1864.

(8) William Elvis, born August 29th, 1866.

(9) Jesse, born February 5th, 1868.

(10) Louetta, born March 20th, 1870.

(11) Rachel Catherine, born December 27th, 1871.

(12) Bailey, born July 12th, 1873.

(13) Elsie May, born November 4th, 1877.

Of the above children, Malissa married Harry Cowan of California, Cordelia married J. R. Cearnal of Jasper county, Rachel Catherine married Albert Lucas, Louetta died, aged 20 years, Susan Ritabell was the wife of Albert Daughtrey, died May 31st, 1914. Martha died in infancy and Elsie May is now the wife of G. W. Snaden.

Hugh Stapp and wife are the parents of two children:

(1) Nora Neel, born July 13th, 1880, died October 6th, 1880.

(2) Jesse Lawson, born February 15th, 1882, married Grace L. Allison a native of Ohio, who was born December 14th, 1879, daughter of David J. and Lucinda (Weed) Allison. They have two children: James Lacey, born June 20th, 1910 and Elsie, born September 24th, 1913. Father and son are now engaged in farming on a large farm.

At the time of his marriage Hugh Stapp was a tenant farmer and continued so until 1885 when he bought 80 acres of land in Washington Township where he now lives. It was raw timber land, but Mr. Stapp went to work with a vim, erected a little frame cabin, 15 by 17 feet with a lean-to, cleared out a field, added 20 acres in two years and later bought 40 acres adjoining and afterwards 70 acres more so that his farm now comprises 210 acres of splendid land, practically the fruits of his own labor. He has made splendid improvements. His son owns 30 acres adjoining this farm and he and his father work in partnership.

Hugh Stapp and son are engaged in general farming, raise 40 or 50 head of hogs each year and make a specialty of Short-Horn cattle. They also have 50 head of Angora goats.

In 1905 they erected a fine barn on this farm which is remarkable by reason of the floor, being a natural strata of flat limestone rock on the surface of the ground, 38 by 40 feet without a break, the foundation wall of the barn being cemented to the rock floor making it absolutely varment proof.

Both Hugh Stapp and his son, Jesse, are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Jesse is also an Odd Fellow. Both are democrats and active in party work though not office seekers. Hugh Stapp is a stockholder in the R. S. Jacobs Bank of Greenfield, while Jesse is a stockholder in the Bank of Pennsboro. Both are splendid citizens, good roads enthusiasts and progressive farmers.

AARON D. STATES.

Born in West Cairo, Ohio, April 16th, 1860, died at his Cabin Home, near Greenfield, Mo., December 5th, 1916.

Mr. States received the major part of his education in the schools of Ada, Ohio, fitting him for the work of later life in the lines of education, writer, platform orator and minister in all of which lines he did credit to his early teaching, to himself and to the community wherever his lot was cast.

Just budding into young manhood he came west with his parents in 1879; four years later, in 1883 was married to Miss Josephine Culpepper, who survives him.

His first newspaper work was at Cherokee, Kansas where he founded and became editor of the "Cyclone" in 1884. He was afterward connected with the "Miami County Republican and the Paola Times of which he was owner in the same state; the Kansas City World, Golden City Tribune, Lamar Republican-Sentinel, Columbia Herald, and Springfield Independent, all in Missouri.

He entered the ministry of the Church of Christ in 1890, his first pastorate being that at Olathe, Kansas. He served later at Ft. Scott and also at Lawrence, Kansas, from which place he moved to Greenfield, Mo., in 1892, since which time his ministerial efforts were largely devoted to evangelizing. He held pastorates with different churches over most of Southwest Missouri and his work often calling him to other states. He was engaged in Christian work up to the time of his death but at that time was serving no regular pastorate. The last public act of his life was the conducting of the funeral of a prominent Greenfield citizen, the late John Harrison.

During all the years of his church work he never forgot his pen nor permitted his ambitions as a writer to flag; was a constant contributor to the magazines and journals.

As an orator, his abilities brought him into prominence as a campaigner, political and otherwise and for 33 years the work occupied much of his time from National campaign work down to the smaller and more local work, but never at the sacrifice of his greater ideals. With all this,

always public spirited and in the forefront of every movement for the material as well as the spiritual welfare of his people, his indefatigable labors accomplished much. He was the pioneer in the business and established the first practical telephone system in Greenfield—the business out of which the Dade County Mutual and other systems, local, have grown.

Not long after coming to Greenfield he established a neat little cottage home in the north part which he christened “Rest-A-While.” This was in his possession at the time of his death and is now occupied by his bereaved wife. For some years, however, he had not occupied this home. After returning from Springfield where he was last in the newspaper business he settled, with Mrs. States, in the Cabin Home, “The Cabin by the Winding Way,” as he delighted to express it, situated on his holdings out on the Limestone Way. This spot he dearly loved—loved to live in—loved to write about and to talk about—loved to work for and “his works do follow him.”

He has been an Odd Fellow for nearly 35 years and had served that order as state Chaplain and was never too busy to do his duty for the organization or anywhere else when duty called him.

The writer realizes that this brief biographical sketch can give but an intimation imperfect and colorless of the man's real worth who was altogether and wholly a man. At the time of his death he was engaged in the work of this publication and collaboration with others and was a moving spirit if not in fact the moving spirit locally in the enterprise. As an evangelist, writer, platform and pulpit orator and a literateur of no mean ability, he magnified his position to all cases for more than these positions magnified the man. As a citizen, a plain citizen, his life and example were worth more than all these. The worth of his life among us was inestimable and his loss to us is irreparable.

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GEORGE E. STRANGE.

A native of Barton County, Mo., born December 25th, 1878, son of Joseph Abner and Lucinda E. (White) Strange.

His father was born December 3rd, 1847 and his mother was born March 11th, 1840. His father was a native of Johnson County where he was raised and so far as known the Strange family were native Missourians while Mrs. Strange was a native of Tennessee, her people coming to Missouri in 1840. Joseph A. Strange died in Dade County. He was a farmer. He came to Dade county in the early 80's and settled near Lockwood. In his early life he was a member of the Christian church but later joined the United Brethern. In politics he was a Republican. Joseph A. Strange and wife were the parents of six children all dead but George E.

(1) Martha, born August 10th, 1870, married Ed. Means. She is now deceased. Left no children.

(2) William Clay, married Mary Kimbler. He is now dead. Left one child, Eltha.

(3) John (twin of William Clay) they were born April 11th, 1872, John married Zona Cassada. He died leaving three children, Goldie, Ray and Hughie.

(4) C. W., born December 25th, 1878, died single.

(5) George E. Strange.

(6) Nora A., born February 25th, 1880, died, aged 10 years.

Lucinda E. Strange is still living with her son, George E., at a ripe old age.

George E. Strange received his education in the common schools of Dade county and remained at home until 1900 when he commenced farming on rented land on his own account. In 1909 he bought an 80-acres of land in South Morgan Township which he kept for one year, and since which time he has bought, sold, traded, exchanged and invested until he now owns 160 acres all in one body in South Morgan Township.

This 160 acres is a well improved farm, all in cultivation except 15 acres, well fenced, well watered by springs and well. In 1913 Mr. Strange built a new frame house on the Greenfield & Dadeville road also a new house west of his present place. He has put up substantial out buildings, and has one of the choice farms in his locality. He is engaged

in general farming and stock raising. Raises horses, cattle, mules and hogs.

In the year 1899, on the 24th day of October, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Edwards, who was born January 7th, 1881, a native of Spencer County, Ind., daughter of Abraham and Levenia Jane (Dale) Edwards. Her father was a native of Indiana while her mother was born in Kentucky. The Dales were early emigrants from Kentucky. There were six children in the Edwards family, three of whom are living:

(1) Clara, married Robert W. Vanderville, and lives in Kansas. They have one child, Agnes.

(2) Arema, married Alex Cassada of Dade county. They have nine children.

(3) Mary Elizabeth, married George E. Strange.

(4) Franklin A., died in early manhood.

Clarence, died in early manhood.

The Edwards family came to Dade County about 1881. They settled near Dadeville and Mr. Edwards died August 18th, 1894. Mrs. Edwards still lives in Dadeville.

George E. Strange and wife are the parents of seven children:

(1) Levenia E., born July 6th, 1900, received her schooling in Dade county, married Hiram Hunt, March 5th, 1915, and lives in South Morgan township. He is a native of Dade county, born December 25, 1889, and is a farmer by occupation.

(2) Forrest S., born July 21st, 1902, is still at home attending school.

(3) Lettie D., born July 4th, 1904.

(4) Clara V., born October 2nd, 1906.

(5) Mary E., born March 23rd, 1908.

(6) Berniece F., born August 16th, 1910.

(7) Joseph E., born November 22nd, 1915.

All of the above children are at home attending school except the oldest daughter. Mr. Strange is a Republican but never aspired to a public office nor held any political position. Has been a member of his local school board. He

has always been an earnest supporter of good schools and is an advocate of good roads.

Mr. Edwards, his father-in-law was a veteran of the civil war, serving in the 53rd regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry for three years and four months, and was for some time a prisoner in the Andersonville prison.

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MASON TALBUTT.

Mason Talbutt, a member of the Greenfield bar, was born October 6th, 1846, in Greenfield, Dade county, Mo., his parents being Columbus and Amanda (Allison) Talbutt. The father who was a Tailor by trade, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and the mother in Tennessee, but for many years they were residents of Greenfield where both passed away. They had a family of eight children, seven of whom are now living.

In his early life Mr. Talbutt learned the printing business, and worked at it until the beginning of the Civil War, and in 1863 he enlisted as a private in Co. I of the 15th Mo. Cav. Vol., and was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, and was discharged June 30th, 1865. After the war was over he again engaged in the newspaper business for a number of years, and while working at his trade studied law and was admitted to practice by Judge Parkinson at Greenfield, in June, 1879, and has been so engaged since that time. In October, 1884, he formed a partnership with the Hon. E. P. Mann, which continued until January, 1901, when Mr. Mann moved to Springfield.

Mr. Talbutt served several years as Justice of the Peace, and in 1882 he was elected Judge of the Probate Court and served four years, and in 1896 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Dade county, and served two terms. He is a member of the Greenfield School Board and has been for a number of years, and has served as a member of the Board of Aldermen and one term as Mayor of Greenfield.

In Greenfield, on December 7th, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Kimber, a daughter of Joseph H. Kimber, and to this union five children were born who are

now living, viz: Florence B., the wife of C. E. Tarr,, of Billings, Montana, Mary E., the widow of Harry H. Davis, of Greenfield, Maggie D., the wife of W. C. Whaley, of Greenfield, Henry K., of Greenfield, and Lucy M., wife of Clyde McLemore, of Billings, Montana.

Mr. Talbutt has been connected with the R. S. Jacobs Banking Co., from its organization, was elected a director June 10th, 1892, and has been on the Board since that time, was elected Vice President in February, 1900 and President in June, 1906—which position he still holds.

The family are members of the M. E. church, and Mr. Talbutt politically is a Democrat. He is a member of Washington Lodge No. 87, A. F. & A. M., and of Dade Lodge No. 518, I. O. O. F. at Greenfield, Mo.

The above is a brief sketch of a man who has resided in Greenfield for more than seventy years and whose life is written upon every page of her history. Judge Talbutt has been a power in the educational forces of Greenfield. He was the first man to place his name upon the subscription list for \$1,000 in an effort to secure the Southwest Missouri Normal School for Greenfield. His influence and standing in the community has contributed to the success of the R. S. Jacobs Banking Company of which institution he is President. As an evidence of the high regard and esteem in which he was held by the veteran financier and businessman, R. S. Jacobs, he was named as one of the Executors in his will. Mr. Talbutt's law library is one of the best in Southwest Missouri outside the large cities, and the books have not been mere shelf ornaments but have been carefully and diligently studied by the Judge so that his knowledge of the law is equalled by few and surpassed by none of the leading lawyers of this section.

By reason of his extreme modesty the last portion of this sketch goes to the printer without Mr. Talbutt's knowledge or consent, but it is true in every particular, never-the-less.

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D. E. TARR.

Was born in Barton County, Missouri, November 10, 1871, son of Nathan D., and Lina B. (Waight) Tarr. His

father was a native of Maine while his mother is a native of New York. They were married at Liberty, Clay County, Mo. Both families had emigrated to Clay county in an early day, although Mrs. Tarr had been previously married to George Potter in New York and after living in Kentucky for some time where they were engaged in the dairy business, they had two children, Flora, who is now Mrs. William Thomas of Douglas, Iowa and Arthur Potter, of Greenfield. Mr. Potter enlisted in the Union Army during the civil war from Clay County, Mo., and died during the service.

After the marriage of Nathan D. Tarr and Mrs. Potter (Lina B. Waight) they remained in Clay County only a short time, moving first to Cass county, later to Barton county, then to Vernon county, after which they came to Dade county, locating in Greenfield in 1878 where Mr. Tarr opened up a jewelry store which he conducted and enlarged until his death in 1884.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarr were the parents of two children: Charles E. Tarr, for many years a prominent business man of Greenfield, serving one term as mayor of the city, now located in Billings, Mont., where he is engaged in the coal and ice business.

D. E. Tarr, the subject of this sketch, received his education in the public schools of Greenfield. After his father's death in the year, 1885 in company with his mother and brother they moved to the old Scroggs farm where they farmed for one year then returned to Greenfield and in February, 1887 opened up a new grocery store where the Opera House now stands. They begun business with a \$300 stock of goods under the firm name of L. B. Tarr, although both boys were interested in the business. This firm is now the largest grocery firm in Greenfield and one of the largest in Southwest Missouri. It still retains the original firm name. In 1900 C. E. Tarr retired as manager, selling his interest to D. E. Tarr and Arthur Potter, his half-brother, but the business still continues in the original firm name of L. B. Tarr. They now occupy a large, two-story brick building on the west side of the

square and large ware-rooms farther south on the same street. They carry a stock of approximately \$15,000, consisting of "up-to-the-minute" groceries, crockery and general supplies. In addition to a large retail trade they also conduct a wholesale grocery business covering a territory of several counties.

D. E. Tarr and Arthur Potter are the owners of the Dade County Garage which was completed in 1917 and is one of the very best equipped buildings of its kind in Southwest Missouri. Mrs. Tarr is still living at the age of 85 years.

D. E. Tarr was married on the 17th day of May, 1899, to Ethel A. Wilson, a native of North Missouri, born August 27th, 1878, daughter of George and Fannie (Harper) Wilson. Her mother is now deceased. Her father is a farmer residing one mile southeast of Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarr are the parents of four children: Wilson, Fred, Howard and John. Wilson is now attending Westminster College at Fulton, Mo., taking a commercial course, the other children are attending the Greenfield schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarr are members of the Presbyterian church and he belongs to the W. O. W.

Arthur Potter married Effie Evans, daughter of A. J. Evans of Nevada, Mo., and they have two children, Jack and George, both attending school in Greenfield.

The firm of L. B. Tarr, in addition to the grocery business, conducts a large flour, feed, hay and grain business, and were the first to establish the auto delivery in the city.

Until recently D. E. Tarr was the owner and resided upon a fine farm of 160 acres adjoining the city limits on the south. Here he built a large frame residence, barn and other outbuildings, planted an orchard and otherwise improved it for an ideal farm home. He has been connected with the grocery business for over 31 years, and is active in all the public enterprises of the city.

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BERRY G. THURMAN.

Was born in Miller County, Missouri, June 25th, 1851. He was one of a family of six boys and four girls, of which

three sons and one daughter are living: Dr. E. J. Thurman, a practicing physician in St. Louis; James W. Thurman, a farmer in the state of Washington, and Mary N. Tarrant, the wife of J. R. Tarrant of Springfield, Mo.

His father, John B. Thurman, was born in Warren County, Kentucky, and came to Calloway County, Missouri, when 20 years old. He was a blacksmith by trade, but spent most of his life on a farm. He died at his home in Greenfield, Mo., in 1888, at the age of 74 years.

His mother was born in Monitau County, Missouri, and died at the home of J. R. Tarrant in Springfield, Mo., in 1905, at the age of 86 years. Her maiden name was Jane Allee. Her mother was a Hill, and it was said in an early day that the population of Maniteau County consisted of "Hills and Allees."

Both the father and mother are buried at Greenfield, Mo.

B. G. Thurman, with his father, moved from Miller County to Morgan County, Missouri, in 1858, and from there, in 1868, to the Thurman farm, adjoining Cedarville, in Cedar Township, Dade County. Thurman was raised on a farm and was educated in the district schools of Morgan County. He attended the High school at Greenfield, Missouri, in 1868, and of Boliver in 1869, and the State University at Columbia in 1871-72-73. He received his first certificate to teach school from Prof. West, school commissioner of Dade County, and taught school in Dade, Barton, Cedar and Vernon Counties, and paid his expenses in High school and college. He read law in the office of the late and lamented Judge David A. DeArmond in the summer of 1872, and graduated in June, 1873, in the first law class graduating after the inauguration of the law department in the State University. He taught school at Virgil City, in Vernon County, to pay up indebtedness incurred during the last year at the university, and opened a law office with Judge DeArmond in the old Jacobs building in Greenfield January 1, 1874.

He was elected prosecuting attorney of Dade County at the general election of 1874, over the late Henry Merrill,

who was a candidate for re-election after defeating Judge DeArmond for the office in 1872. He was again a candidate for re-election in 1876, and was defeated by J. F. Duckwall. In 1878 he was a candidate against the late Judge L. W. Shafer for prosecuting attorney, and was elected. In 1881 he moved with his family to Lamar, Mo., having dissolved partnership with Judge DeArmond, and entered into partnership with A. J. Wray, a lawyer at Lamar, Mo., which partnership was continued for more than 25 years, and until the death of Mr. Wray. He was elected to the State Senate in 1888 to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Claycomb, who had been nominated to the office of lieutenant governor on the ticket headed by Governor D. R. Francis. He was a member of the revision committee of 1889, and helped to revise and compile the Statutes of 1889. He was appointed by Governor Dockery as a member of the board of curators of the State University, and served from 1902 to 1906.

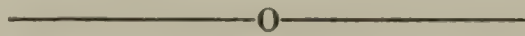
At the election in 1906 he was elected judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District of Missouri, composed of Barton, Cedar, Dade and Vernon Counties, Judge Charles G. Burton of Nevada, Mo., being the candidate against him. This election was to fill out the unexpired term of the late Judge L. W. Shafer, who was elected over J. B. Johnson of Nevada, Mo., in 1904. He was a candidate in 1910 against S. A. Payne of Greenfield, and was elected. He was re-elected in 1916 over A. J. Young of Greenfield, and his present term will expire in 1922.

He was married at Greenfield, Mo., November 12th, 1879, to Lula C. Clark, daughter of Captain S. S. and Margaret Clark. There were born of that marriage two children, a boy and a girl: Harold C. and Bess. Harold C. graduated from the university in June, 1904, having completed the full course in the Academic and Law Departments of the University, and located that year at Muskogee, Okla. (then Indian Territory.) "Hal," as he was commonly called, was married in 1904 to Freda Levy at Columbia, Mo., and there are four children born of that marriage. He engaged in the practice of law at Muskogee, and in

1914 was elected superior judge of that county, which has the same jurisdiction as our Circuit Court. He was born in Dade County July 29th, 1881. Bess was born in Barton County July 25th, 1887, and married T. E. Braniff of Oklahoma City October 26th, 1912, and she now lives with her husband in that city. They have one child, a girl.

Thurman moved from Lamar to Nevada in September, 1913, where he now resides.

Since January, 1874, he has devoted his time almost exclusively to the practice of law, up to the time he was elected judge. Since 1874 he has been at every term of the Dade County Circuit Court except one, in 1889, when he was in the State Senate. During the years he has been on the bench he has never failed to open court at 9 o'clock in the morning, except one time when high water prevented him from reaching Stockton until 10 o'clock of the first day of court.



THOMAS JEFFERSON UNDERWOOD.

There is probably no better known or more highly respected man in Dade County than T. J. Underwood, the subject of this sketch. He was born in North Township, Dade County, January 19th, 1862, the son of Decatur and Elizabeth (Davidson) Underwood. He was born in Tennessee in 1835 and she in 1834. Decatur Underwood was brought to Dade County by his father, Thomas Underwood, during the late 30's, who came overland with ox teams and wagons, bringing his wife, who was Maria Howard. They settled two miles north of Arcola on 160 acres which they homesteaded. This they improved and built a log house, which was one of the first in that part of the county and which is still standing, although weather-boarded, and is probably the oldest building now in use in the county. Thomas Underwood was a pioneer in every sense of the word. He died in St. Louis, while his wife passed away in Dade County. Decatur Underwood was a prominent citizen of Dade County and was the father of four children, three of whom are now living. They are: Thomas J. of this review;

Sarah E., who is now Mrs. D. W. Edwards of Greenfield, and Alice, now Mrs. I. G. Hawkins of North Township, while Anna married Dr. E. U. Sloan and died leaving two children, Geneva and Eudora. The father of these children died July 16th, 1908, but his first wife, mother of our subject, died January 3rd, 1917, at the advanced age of 83 years.

Thomas J. Underwood was 20 years of age when he started out to make his own way in the world. He first entered the mercantile business in a very modest way, opening up a store in Arcola in a small rented building and with a stock of about \$200. He enlarged this considerably, and finally took in as partners J. O. Mitchell and D. W. Edwards, and together they increased the stock materially, but after a few years closed the business and Mr. Underwood bought 212 acres of good land and farmed and raised considerable stock, but sold this place in 1901, at which time he was elected county assessor, which position he held for four years. In 1903 he again entered the mercantile business at Arcola with his father as his partner. They started with a stock of \$500 and soon increased it to \$5,000, and ran the business under the firm name of D. Underwood & Son. This store burned in 1905, but the building, which was owned by Decatur Underwood and D. W. Edwards, was at once rebuilt, and the firm of D. Underwood & Son resumed their business. They had little money, but ample credit, so that they were able to go ahead with a stock of near \$3,000. In 1908 Thos. J. took over the entire business, and the business is now known as The Home Store, T. J. Underwood, proprietor. Mr. Underwood has certainly made good in his business. He now carries a stock of \$7,000, and it is a well-kept and up-to-date establishment. In 1909 he was appointed postmaster, and he has made a very efficient officer and still holds the place, even under a Democratic administration.

Mr. Underwood married Miss Amanda Appleby, who was born February 2nd, 1862, a daughter of Benj. and Louise (Wilson) Appleby, more of whom is written elsewhere. To Mr. and Mrs. Underwood have been born seven

children, five of whom are living. Those deceased are: Howard, born October 4th, 1896, died at the age of 10 years, Irene, born November 1st, 1888, died in 1900. Those living are as follows: Eulalia May, born September 2nd, 1888, married C. W. Daugherty, a business man of Long Beach, Cal., and they have two children, Mary and Helen; Goldie, born February 2nd, 1891, married R. A. Furnoy, a business man of Joplin, Mo.; Benj. D., born October 24th, 1894, lives in California, where he has been employed by the Long Beach Dairy Company for the past six years; Thos. Walker, born April 8th, 1900, and Clyde Cowan, born May 29th, 1905, both at home and attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood are members of the M. E. church, in which they are both very prominent, and Mr. Underwood is a trustee. Fraternally Mr. Underwood is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, while his wife is a member of the Eastern Star and also president of the Home makers' Club. Mr. Underwood is a Republican and has always been active in the party. He has been a notary public for over 30 years and has served for many years on the school board. Too much cannot be said of this fine, courteous gentleman. He has lived a clean and upright life and well deserves the high esteem in which he is held by all. He owns the building in which his fine store is located, and his fair and honest dealing has built up for him a business that is one of the best in the county. Tom Underwood numbers his friends by the thousands, and we are proud to own him as a native son.

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FLOYD G. VANOSDELL.

Was born in Dade County, Missouri, in 1875. His father, Thomas J. VanOsdell, was connected with the R. S. Jacobs Banking Company of Greenfield for many years. He died in 1892. His grandfather, Peter VanOsdell, was one of the pioneers of Dade County, was public administrator for a number of years and guardian and curator for more minor heirs than any other man, perhaps, who ever

lived in the county. His mother was Mary Emma Garrett, daughter of Rev. W. J. Garrett, one of the pioneer Cumberland Presbyterian preachers of Southwest Missouri.

Mr. VanOsdell became connected with the Dade County Bank in 1897 and has remained therein to this date. He is at present the assistant cashier. His wife is the daughter of the late J. F. Johnson, one of the founders of the Dade County Bank. They have five children. Fraternally Mr. VanOsdell belongs to the Masonic Order, Commandery, Shrine, the Elks at Aurora, the I. O. O. F. of Greenfield. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and has been secretary of the Cemetery Association of Greenfield for 17 years. He is one of the prominent men of Greenfield in business, social and civic life.

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REV. J. MONROE VAUGHN.

Was born in Giles County, Tennessee, October 26th, 1850, son of David Franklin and Lucinda (Cook) Vaughn, both natives of Tennessee, he being born about the year 1826, and she perhaps a year later. They were farmers in Giles County and he was also a cabinet maker. They left Tennessee about 1853, coming to Springfield, Mo., where he followed his trade for about one year, then located near Avilla, in Jasper County, Missouri, for a short time, and then moved to Dade County, about 1854, where he bought 500 acres of government land near Greenfield. It was rolling prairie land. He improved this farm and lived upon it till the war, when he enlisted, in 1861, in Captain J. J. Tucker's Confederate Company, one of the first to be organized in Dade County. They first marched into Greene County, and was at the battle of Wilson Creek, where he was wounded on August 10th, and died at sunrise the next morning. There were eight children in this family, three girls and five boys. The mother raised this family on the 500-acre farm. One daughter died at the age of 12 years. The others grew to maturity. They were:

(1) Ellen, married W. F. Grider, died in Dade County about the year 1886, leaving four children.

- (2) Ann Eliza, now Mrs. James Carlock of Center Township.
- (3) John Monroe (the subject of this sketch.)
- (4) Robert Franklin, died in Dade County in 1905, leaving several children. He was an M. E. preacher.
- (5) David Saxton, lives at Eureka, Kas.
- (6) Amanda, died at the age of 12 years.
- (7) William D., of Center Township.
- (8) Benjamin Price, lives at Neola, Dade County.

David Franklin Vaughn was a Democrat in politics. After his death the mother divided up the farm with the children and lived with her son, DeWitt, until her death, which occurred about 1907. The Vaughn family were, and are still, very prominent.

J. Monroe remained at home with his mother until 20 years of age. He received a common school education in Dade County. He was married on the 1st day of December, 1870, to Martha O. Tucker, born in Dade County, where the County Farm is now located, May 10th, 1852, daughter of Captain J. J. and Elizabeth C. (McClure) Tucker, her father being a native of Richmond, Va., born in 1816, while her mother was born near Cleveland, Tenn., in 1827. He came to Dade County when a young man in the early 40's, and followed his trade, being a tailor, for a time, then traded with an uncle, Captain N. H. McClure, for about 600 acres of land lying southwest of Greenfield, which included the present County Farm. He married his wife in Dade County, she being 16 years of age at the time, and moved upon this land, improving it and building a large two-story frame house. He was an extensive drover of horses and mules, driving many head to markets in the South previous to the war. He recruited the first Confederate company in Dade County and served actively in the Confederate army about one year, when he suffered an attack of measles, was sent home, and died about 18 months afterward in Waco, Tex., where his family had gone. He died December 1st, 1864, and was buried there. The mother returned to Dade County in August, 1865, and went to the farm. She sold out in 1868 and bought 120 acres east of Greenfield, where

she died February 16th, 1880. There were nine children in this family which lived to maturity; one boy, Charles, died at the age of 11 years. They are:

(1) Hartwell H., now lives at Van Buren, Ark. He is a Presbyterian minister and served as the first chaplain of the Oklahoma Senate.

(2) Anis,, was Mrs. G. H. Hall. She is now deceased.

(3) Nathan, died at the age of 19 years and buried at Waco, Tex.

(4) Mary, now Mrs. Thomas M. Dicus of Lockwood Township.

(5) Martha O., wife of J. Monroe Vaughn.

(6) Walter S., a lawyer living in California.

(7) Florence, now Mrs. A. A. Long of Los Angeles, Cal.

(8) James L., lives in Durango, Colo.

(9) Hattie, now Mrs. Dr. H. E. Hackney of San Joachin Valley, Cal.

Captain J. J. Tucker in politics was a Whig before the war, and both he and his wife were prominent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was active in politics and served as sheriff and collector of revenue for Dade County two terms and one term as Representative in the Missouri Legislature before the war. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, while his wife belonged to the Eastern Star.

J. Monroe Vaughn and wife first went to farming upon a 40-acre tract of land his mother had given him, being a part of the old homestead. Here he built a two-room house, and here he went to work with a vim. They lived upon this place 11 years and prospered, then sold out and bought 200 acres southwest of Lockwood. After one year they sold this and bought 200 acres east of Greenfield. After living on this place three years they sold out and bought 160 acres in Cedar Township, where they lived for eight years. During all these years they were very prosperous, adding 160 acres near his first purchase and two 80-acre tracts in Ernest and North Townships. They farmed and handled stock, being successful in both enterprises.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn were the parents of one child, a son, Howard Ernest, born April 13th, 1876. On account of the ill health of this son they went to Arizona in 1892, where they bought 160 acres of land, but lived in the city of Phoenix. They bought lots and built a home in the city, where they lived for 10 years, then came back to their Dade County farm, where the son died March 23rd, 1904. They moved to Lockwood, where they bought a nice home in 1905. Immediately after this they went to Chicago and entered the Moody Bible School for study, Mr. Vaughn for the ministry and his wife for special Sunday School work. They remained during the season and returned to Lockwood. Mrs. Vaughn was the first in the state to receive the diploma for the Advanced Course in Bible Study from the International Sunday School Association.

Mr. Vaughn had been studying for the ministry some time previous to going to Chicago. They are each members of the Presbyterian church and he was ordained at Mt. Vernon in 1906, and since that time has preached all over Dade, Polk, Greene and adjoining counties. He is a forceful public speaker and a power in the pulpit. They were each delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention held in Washington, D. C., in 1910, where 52 nationalities were represented and many illustrious speakers present, including President Taft.

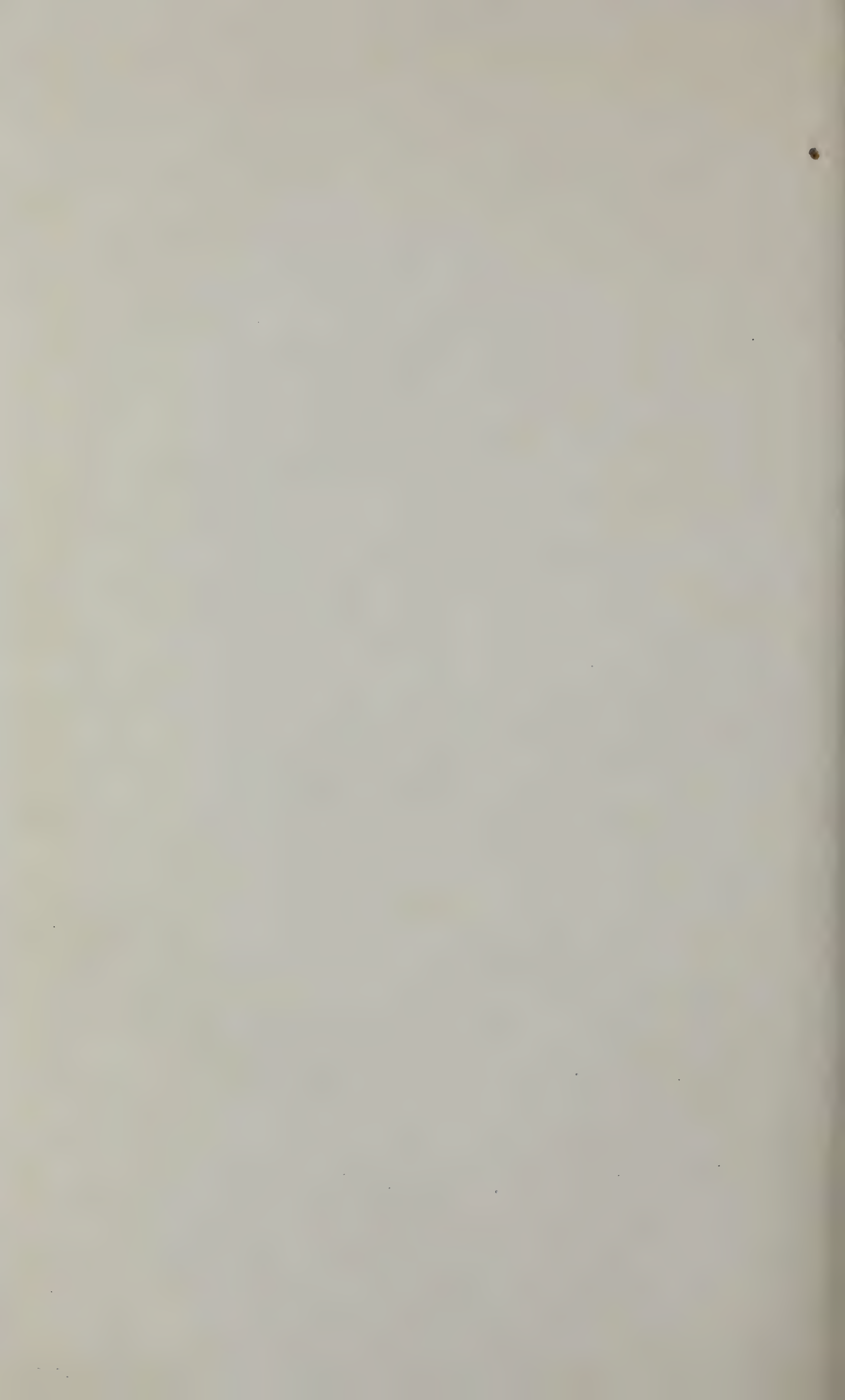
Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn are living practically retired from the business activities of life save and except the more weighty affairs of the Master's Kingdom. Mr. Vaughn still personally supervises his farming enterprises, which consist of 640 acres all told in Dade County and 80 acres near Wagoner, Okla. They also own some business blocks in Lockwood. Mr. Vaughn was one of the organizers and original stockholders in the Bank of Lockwood. He is a Democrat in politics, a strong temperance advocate, and both he and his wife have been largely identified in the county Sunday School work for many years. They drove one faithful horse no less than 1,600 miles in organizing the various townships in the county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn are highly educated and refined people. Their standing in the



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community in which they live is irreproachable. Few people have contributed more of their time, talents and worldly goods to the welfare of humanity and the advancement of the cause of Christ's Kingdom than the Rev. J. Monroe Vaughn and his faithful wife.

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W. H. VANHOOSER.

Among the enterprising merchants of Dade County is to be found W. H. Vanhooser of Dadeville, where he conducts one of the best grocery and hardware stores in north east Dade. Mr. Vanhooser is a native of Dade County, born December 16th, 1877, a son of John N. and Minerva Elizabeth (Logan) Vanhooser, both natives of Tennessee, he having been born in 1843 and she in 1842. They were married there on December 24th, 1863, and were the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom are still living and are as follows: John, William, Horace and James of Dade County; Charles of Kansas and J. E. of California, and one daughter, Mrs. Wright Smith of Greenfield.

John N. Vanhooser was a kind, Christian gentleman. He belonged to the Christian church and served during the Civil war in the Sixth Missouri Provincials. He died at Dadeville in 1915 at the ripe old age of 71, while his wife passed away in 1906, also a member of the Christian church.

W. H. Vanhooser received a good education, remaining at home until the year 1899, when he started teaching at the McConnell school; he taught there for two years, and was then elected on the Republican ticket to the office of county surveyor, which he held for four years, and lived in Dadeville during this time. After spending one year at farming on his father's farm, he went west, locating in Los Angeles, Cal., holding the responsible position of civil engineer for the city for five years, which fact alone speaks volumes for the high ability of Mr. Vanhooser. During his stay in the west he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, R. A. Moore, and opened up a hardware and grocery store at Dadeville. This was in 1908, and the business was successfully run until 1915, when Mr. Vanhooser

bought out the entire business, having returned to his native town in the meantime, and has since run the business under his individual name. He carries a fine stock of hardware, groceries and sundries, also conducting a large business in general produce, butter, eggs and cream. His stock will average about \$3,000, and is kept clean and up-to-date, and is known all through northeast Dade County as a good, square place to trade. Mr. Vanhooser was married February 19th, 1902, to Miss Rozella E. Moore, who was born January 12th, 1882, and a daughter of Ruben N. Moore, more extended mention of whom is made elsewhere under the name of Charles Moore of Dadeville. To Mr. and Mrs. Vanhooser has been born one child, Leona Chloe, born August 12th, 1905, who is at home and receiving a good education. Mr. Vanhooser is one of our all-around good citizens. He supports both the Christian and Presbyterian churches. He is a staunch Republican and a booster for any enterprise for the good of the county, such as good roads, free public schools and good government. Fraternally he is a Mason and W. O. W. Too much cannot be said for the true worth of Mr. Vanhooser as a citizen and business man. He is well worthy to be numbered among our most prominent native sons. To meet is to like and appreciate this well-educated and courteous business man.

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WILLIAM VONSTROH.

Among the prominent and well-to-do farmers of Dade County we must mention William Vonstroh. As his name indicates, he is a native of Germany, having been born October 24th 1836, in that country. He was a son of Henry and Lizzie Vonstroh. His parents were both natives of Germany, were married there, and followed farming in their native country until the year 1850, when they emigrated to the United States, landing in the state of Illinois, and settling about 30 miles east of St. Louis on 160 acres of good land. Here they farmed and prospered, raised their family, and died many years ago. They had a family of six children. Mr. Vanstroh, the subject of this sketch, was third

in order of birth. At the age of 14 years he went to St. Louis, Mo., and learned the blacksmithing trade, which he followed for some years, alternating with farming at his father's place. Mr. Vanstroh married first Miss Dora Eggeman, a native of Illinois. She died in April, 1880, and in 1881 Mr. Vonstroh married her sister, Miss Catherine Eggeman. About this time Mr. Vonstroh became interested in the west, and came to Dade County in 1882, bought 560 acres lying close to Lockwood, in fact, joining the corporation line. He farmed here and prospered greatly, until at one time he owned 1,040 acres of fine prairie land in western Dade County. There are 11 children of this fine family, all of whom live in Dade County. They are as follows:

Henry, William, Frank, John, all living within a few miles of the city of Lockwood on farms. One daughter, Caroline, is now Mrs. Henry Bohne of Marion Township, and Millie is now Mrs. Fred Bohne of Marion Township. Mollie is now Mrs. William Nehoff. They all live near Lockwood. Ida is the wife of Gus Bohne. Lizzie married Henry Brinkhoff of western Dade County. Dora and Mabel reside at home with their father and mother.

Mr. Vonstroh has given his children good educations and has started them all in life with good farms; in fact, it is hard to bring to mind another family resident in Dade County who are more appreciated and considered better citizens than the descendants of William Vonstroh.

Mr. Vonstroh is now living practically retired and enjoying a well-deserved rest from his strenuous labor in his fine residence, two and one-half miles west of Lockwood. He still retains 200 acres of his original holdings. Mr. Vonstroh is a fine specimen of the high class citizens that Germany has given to this country. Mr. Vonstroh is a member of the Lutheran church, in which he has been more or less active all these years. He was one of the main movers in the construction of the first Lutheran church in the county, which is at Lockwood, and he donated two acres for a Lutheran cemetery, which is located just north of Lockwood. He is a Republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has served as school director a great many

times. He has also been a promoter of public good and a friend of education, although he received very little in his early life. He is, however, a self-made and self-educated man. One whom we of the younger generation of citizens of Dade County delight to honor, and whose example is well worthy of emulation.

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JUDGE JOHN WILLIAM WADDLE.

No history of Dade County could be written mentioning the prominent people without putting at the head of the list John William Waddle, Judge of the County Court for the Eastern District, a prominent farmer of the east side of the county and a man of illustrious ancestry. Mr. Waddle was born April 15th, 1851, in Lawrence County, Missouri, the son of David and Margaret (Reagan) Waddle.

David Waddle was born in Chariton County, Missouri, November 26th, 1827, and came with his parents to Greene County in 1830. He married Miss Margaret Reagan in Greenfield, Dade County, Missouri, August 11th, 1848. Miss Reagan was born August 9th, 1831, in Tennessee, near Nashville, and came to Dade County in 1834 with her parents. They both died while she was quite young and she resided in Dade County until she was married. Her mother's maiden name was Gerard and her father was a wealthy farmer and slave-holder near Nashville, Tenn. David Waddle and his wife resided in Dade and Lawrence Counties until 1857, then went from Lawrence to Washington County, Arkansas, and resided there until 1862. He was a strong adherent to the Union cause and had to leave there on short order or be conscripted into the Confederate army. He left his family and went to Fayetteville, Ark., where a branch of the Union army was located. He was gone for several weeks and acted as guide and scout all over that country. He was eventually given an escort of 100 soldiers for the purpose of bringing his family out. He took them first to Fayetteville, and from there to Springfield, Mo., where he left

them and went back on the provision train for the Union army. Judge Waddle well remembers this period of his life, when his father returned to Arkansas and left his wife and children, one of which is our subject. They resided in a large brick house on South Street, Springfield, Mo., which was opposite Fort No. 4, so-called when General Marmaduke made his famous raid on Springfield. All the women and children were ordered to the north side of the city, and the cannon balls passed over them all day during that raid. When the family returned home the next morning there were dead soldiers on the porch and in the yard, both the Blue and the Gray. The Union soldiers fought from this residence and one was killed inside of the house. When his father returned from Arkansas they came to Dade County, and here he, David Waddle, enlisted in Company I, Seventh Missouri Provincials, and was finally discharged on account of disability, never regaining his health. He died August 15th, 1901, in Greene County, Missouri.

His father, Martin Waddle, grandfather of our subject, Judge Waddle, was undoubtedly a native of Kentucky. It is known that he came from Kentucky to Chariton County, Missouri, and from there to Greene County, and settled on what is known as the Peter Ooley place on Clear creek, 20 miles northwest of Springfield. He went from there to Scott County, Arkansas, where he died. At one time, many years ago, he owned the land where Cincinnati, O., now stands, and he also held title to the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. His wife was Polly Ann Lamar, whose father was a Frenchman and came to America with General Lafayette and fought in the Revolutionary war. His mother's name was Dehart.

Judge Waddle was second in order of birth of eight children born to David Waddle and Margaret (Reagan) Waddle. In order, they are named as follows: Elizabeth, born August 21st, 1849; John William, born April 15th, 1851; Polly Ann, born November 27th, 1853; Columbus, born November 20th, 1855; Martin M., born February 20th, 1858; Margaret, born May 10th, 1861; David, born April

1st, 1862; Young D., born February 11th, 1865. John W. Waddle, as stated before, was born in Lawrence County, on Spring river. His father having lost his health during the war and never having been able after that to do manual labor, John W., being the oldest boy, had to take the burden of the main support of the family. He worked out from place to place, cheerfully performing this duty until he became of age, at which time he married Eliza Jane Beal, on January 14th, 1872, in Greene County, Missouri. She was born July 16th, 1851, daughter of George Thomas Beal and Emily Jane (Ooley) Beal, who were married September 18th, 1845, his birthday being August 5th, 1823, and hers September 18th, 1819. George Thomas Beal was the son of Charles Fay Beal, who came to Dade County at an early date and settled in Greenfield, where he carried on a saddlery and harness shop previous to the Civil war. He moved to the northern part of the state when the war came up, and there died in a later year. His wife's maiden name was Deliah Dotson. Emily Jane (Ooley) Beal was the daughter of Peter Ooley, who in turn was the son of David and Catherine Ooley. Peter Ooley was born October 28th, 1787, and married a Miss Mary Clark April 5th, 1810, who was born October 2nd, 1792. He came to Greene County at a very early date, in fact, when the Indians were plentiful, and entered a large tract of land on Clear creek, and resided there until he died. Eliza Jane (Beal) Waddle, wife of our subject, Judge Waddle, was third of a family of five children. In order of birth they are as follows:

Mary Deliah Beal, born December 30th, 1846; Thursey Ann, born October 19th, 1848; Eliza Jane, born July 16th, 1851; Peter Fay, born April 16th, 1854; Martha Samantha, born December 4th, 1857. George Thomas Beal, father of Mrs. Waddle, resided in Dade County near Greenfield from childhood until the Civil war, when he went to Rolla, Mo., and enlisted in the Union army. He was killed in the battle of Pea Ridge March 8th, 1862. He was a devoted Christian. The following is a letter verbatim as written by George Thomas Beal to his wife, Emily Jane

(Ooley), while he was in active service, and only a few days previous to his death:

State of Missouri, Phelps County,
December 14th, 1861.

My Dear Companion:

I now take my pen in hand to inform you that I have not forgotten you, and that I am well at this time. I have enjoyed good health ever since I left home. I weigh more than I ever did before. I now weigh 180 pounds. I do hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same blessings of God, the Giver of our Spirits and the Creator of our bodies, to whom we owe our thanks, praise and adoration forever.

I am surrounded with blasphemers, yet there are many good, pious men in our midst. I have a good many friends here.

I would write something about how bad I want to see you, but I cannot tell it with my pen; neither could I express my feelings with my tongue. The longer I stay away the dearer and nearer you feel to me, but God only knows whether we will meet again on earth or not, and if we never meet again I want you all to meet me in heaven, where parting will be no more.

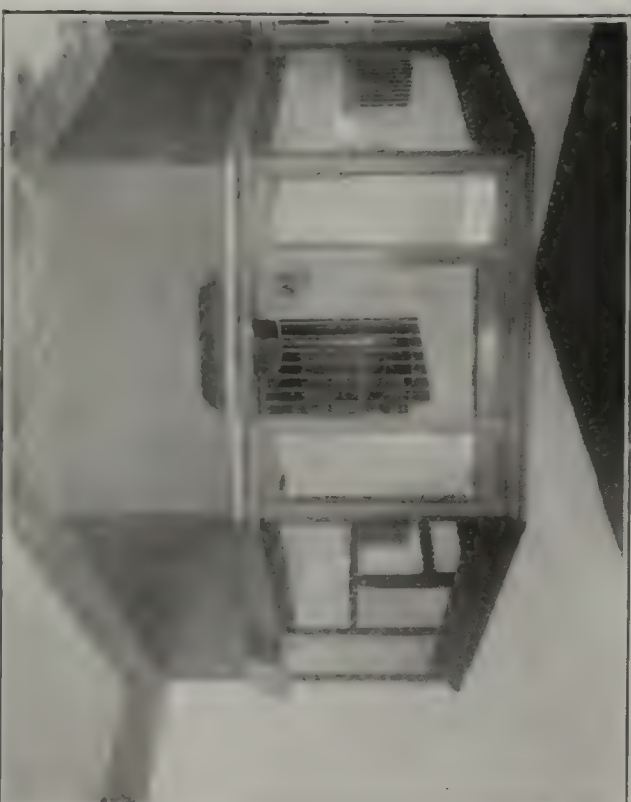
I pray to the Lord that he will strengthen and support you in all your hard trials in this life. I yet hope there is a time coming when we can stay at home in peace again. I bought shoes for you and started them to you by Hiter Sanford, but he met the last retreat and came back again.

I could write many things to you if I dared to, but I cannot. We, the soldiers, are perfect Know Nothings. We have strict laws and we must obey them. I must now bring my letter to a close. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends. May God Almighty save us all with an everlasting salvation for Christ's sake, is my prayer, so nothing more at present but to remain, Your affectionate friend, until death.

G. T. BEAL TO E. J. BEAL.

As has been stated before, Judge Waddle, up to his 21st year, had spent his energies in the support of father, mother, brothers and sisters. He had received some little schooling, however, in Greene County. But of this world's goods when he had reached his majority he had very little. The amount of his worldly assets the year previous to his marriage we find to be: One horse, good health, and a firm determination to make good and be somebody, and enough money for a marriage fee. He, therefore, decided to marry, and just previous to his marriage he harvested a fair crop of wheat and was married the first of the following year. That year they rented 80 acres and made a splendid corn crop, and from this beginning began slowly to prosper. In the year 1874 they rented another farm, and it was a very dry year. In 1875 they rented 120 acres in Dade County, and this was another poor crop year. They returned to Greene County and bought 40 acres of land on Clear creek. Here they built their first log cabin, about 14 feet square with a side room. He added to this place 96 acres and 30 acres in another tract. Their children were all born here except the oldest and the youngest. They lived on this farm until 1891, when they sold out and bought a small farm in Dade County, Missouri, one and one-half miles north of Arcola, kept this only one year and sold that farm, went back to Greene County and bought 80 acres near the old home place, and in one year bought back the old home place in addition to the 80 acres. In 1901 they sold all this land and bought 120 acres in Murray Township, known as the James Thomas farm, living here until 1903, when they sold this farm and returned to Dade County, buying 160 acres in Rock Prairie Township, where they now reside.

To J. W. Waddle and wife the following children were born: Ephriam Orlando Waddle, born January 7th, 1873, died November 2nd, 1874; Orral Larismur, born April 19th, 1876, died May 9th, 1876; Arla Rosilla, born July 9th, 1877, married Joseph McBee November 25th, 1896, and died November 14th, 1911, leaving one son, Archmer Eltry McBee, who was born December 31st, 1900;



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Bertha Natrulia, born January 7th, 1880, married Edward Robert Kelley August 2nd, 1896, and they had children as follows:

Terry McConnel, born in Greene County, Missouri, September 15th, 1901; Ellis John, also born in Greene County, December 11th, 1903; Claire Alta May, born in Morencia, Ariz., February 1st, 1906; Robert Leland, born in Greene County, Missouri, August 16th, 1908; Louis, born in Webster County June 21st, 1911; Alta Eulalia May Waddle, born March 26th, 1882, was married July 23rd, 1905, to Charles W. Fortner, and they have one daughter, Bertha Genevieve Fortner, born September 6th, 1907; Lourell Lyman, born September 27th, 1884, married July 5th, 1905, to Erie Killingsworth; John Devillo, born March 5th, 1892, married March 9th, 1912, to Miss Jessie Irene Brookshier.

Judge Waddle is a Republican in politics and has ever held true and steadfast to the principles of his party. In 1912 he was nominated for county judge by the Republicans in the eastern district, and was beaten by 39 votes, and again in 1916 the Republican party nominated him for the same office and he was elected by a majority of 133 votes. Too much cannot be said of the high character of Judge Waddle and his fine wife. They are among our most respected and honored citizens.

JUDGE THOMAS M. WALKER.

There is probably no better known or more highly respected citizen of Dade County than Thomas M. Walker, presiding judge of the Dade County Court. He was born in Newton County, Missouri, March 14th, 1858, a son of John M. Walker and Sarah Reynolds, his wife, both of whom were natives of Georgia, where they were married, and came to Newton County about 1852. He was a mechanic and farmer. They remained in Newton County until 1860, when they moved to Greene County, Missouri, where they carried on farming. He was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting in 1860. He

passed away in Christian County February 19th, 1894, while his wife had died in 1863, leaving five children, all of whom grew to maturity excepting one boy, Joel A., who was drowned at the age of 14 years. The others were: John M., who died in Barry County; William Franklyn, now supposed to be living in some part of the north; Henry a farmer of Barry County; Thomas M., the subject of this sketch. After the war John M. Walker married a second time, but did not raise a family. He spent some time following his trade as farmer and mechanic in eastern Lawrence County, retiring to Billings, Christian County, about three years previous to his death. He was a Baptist in religious belief, a Republican in politics, and was a very prominent citizen. He was a brave and efficient soldier and became crippled while in active service. He had been detailed to carry the mail from Springfield to Rolla, Mo., which he did for some two years, and it was while in this service that an escaping prisoner ran his horse into the horse Mr. Walker was riding, the result of which made Mr. Walker a cripple for life.

Judge Walker received his education in Lawrence County in the common schools and remained at home until he was 21 years of age, at which time he went to farming in Lawrence County, and later on bought 40 acres in that County, which he soon traded for an 80-acre tract, but did not keep this a great while before he traded it off and rented for several years, than again invested in 40 acres, which he kept until 1901, when he sold this, and on December 1st, 1901, moved to Dade County. He first rented the P. R. Montgomery farm in Sac Township, paying \$1,000 a year for three years. He prospered here, and in 1904 bought a fine farm of 240 acres in Cedar Township, where he now lives. This place had about 160 acres in cultivation and was fairly well improved, but Judge Walker has added to the improvements materially, and now it is considered one of the finest stock farms of northwest Dade County. Besides farming for the benefit of himself and family, Judge Walker has devoted a great deal of his life to the benefiting of his fellow-man. He was ordained to

preach May 1st, 1886, in the Baptist church. His first charge was at Sycamore, where he remained five years. He was pastor of Pleasant Grove two years and then spent two years as district missionary worker in Lawrence. During this time he organized Summit church, which is six miles northeast of Mt. Vernon, and where he served two years as pastor. He also organized the New Home church, eight miles south of Everton. He has been very active in the mission work, but during his activities along this line his health failed, and after a strenuous campaign of three months' mission work in St. Clair County he was forced to a well deserved rest, so for the last six years he has spent most of his time farming.

In politics Mr. Walker is a staunch Republican, and in 1914 was elected to the Republican ticket as presiding judge of the Dade County court, which position he has filled with marked credit to himself and with entire satisfaction to the people of the county at large. As much time as his health will permit, he still devotes to religious teaching. He is at present the moderator of the Dade County Baptist Association, and is now preaching for the Cedarville church, and also takes leadership in Sunday school work.

On November 4th, 1880, Mr. Walker was married at Sarcoxie, Mo., to Nora S. Hammer, who was born February 9th, 1861, in Lawrence County near Mt. Vernon, a daughter of James Allen and Sarah (Tolliver) Hammer. Both were natives of Tennessee and both were brought by their parents to Lawrence County in the early 40's. They were married there and raised a large family, of whom Mrs. Walker was fourth in order of birth of eleven children, nine of whom are living and all settled near Mt. Vernon, with the exception of Mrs. Walker. Her father is deceased, dying in 1900. Her mother, however, is living, and resides with Judge Walker and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were the parents of five children, two of whom are living. Record of the family is as follows: The first child died in infancy, unnamed. The second, Arthur, was born October 4th, 1883, and died May 20th, 1904, at

the age of 21. Sherman A. was born August 17th, 1885, married Eva Toller; they live on a part of Judge Walker's farm in Cedar Township and have two children, Loren and Jewel. Sarah Floe was born November 28th, 1887, married Robert Coin, a prominent farmer of Cedar Township, but died February 3rd, 1911, leaving one child, Elma. Edna Gertrude was born February 7th, 1890, married Lon McGuire of Cedar County, and they now live in Shenandoah, Ia.; they have two children, the first, Carl, was born March 7th, 1911, and Max Walker, born April 8th, 1915.

Too much cannot be said of the good that Judge Walker and his estimable wife have done in our midst. They are both fine Christian people and have devoted the greater part of their lives to doing good to others. Truly, Judge Thomas M. Walker is one of our first citizens, and no man stands higher in the hearts of the people than this fine, courteous gentleman. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church at Cedarville. Fraternally Mr. Walker is a member of the A. F. & A. M. at Arcola, and was a charter member of the M. W. A. at Miller, Mo., but now has his membership at Jerico Springs, Cedar County. Along all lines Judge Walker is progressive and broad-minded. He is a first-class farmer, a first-class judge and a first-class citizen, and he well deserves the exceptional high esteem in which he is held by the entire population of this county.

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ALBERT E. WATSON.

Born in Macoupin County, Illinois, June 2nd, 1863. His father, James T. Watson, was born in Kentucky, near Louisville, and died in September, 1894. His parents moved to Illinois in the early 50's. His father was a successful farmer and stock raiser and died on the farm. In politics he was a Republican, but at the breaking out of the Civil war he was not eligible for military duty. He was an old-time Whig and afterward a Republican. In 1871 he moved to Jasper County, Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his days. James T. Watson was married

to Malinda J. Brown, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in the year 1912 at the age of 85 years. Her parents moved to Macoupin County, Illinois, in an early day. She was a member of the Baptist church and the mother of three children:

(1) Albert E. Watson, the subject of this sketch.

(2) Alice, born in Macoupin County, Illinois, married Albert Clayton, a farmer. She died in 1901, leaving four children.

(3) Lula, born in Jasper County, Missouri, married Edward Broughton, and now lives in Webb City, Mo.

Albert E. Watson was raised upon Illinois and Missouri farms. He attended the public schools and also an Academy at Carlinville, Ill. He continued on the farm until 1908, when he came to Greenfield, and in 1914 engaged in the telephone business, buying out the Mutual Telephone Company lines. Prior to this time he was in business at Golden City for four years. As a manager of a telephone exchange Mr. Watson has proven a success.

On the 18th day of February, 1896, he was married to Lizzie Mosher, born in Galesburg, Ill., in 1878. Her father was a farmer and a very successful one, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson are the parents of three children:

(1) H. Raymond, born in Jasper County, Missouri, January 21st, 1897, and graduated from the Greenfield High School in the class of 1917.

(2) Frank G., born in Jasper County, Missouri, August 9th, 1899, and is now attending school.

(3) Fern, born in Jasper County, Missouri, August 14th, 1904.

Mrs. Watson is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Watson is a member of the Odd Fellows and the M. W. A. In politics he is a Republican. Besides being the owner of the Mutual Telephone Company lines and exchange in Greenfield, he also has property in Golden City, and is the owner of a fine residence property in Greenfield, located on one of the most desirable streets in the city.

SAMUEL J. WEIR.

Was born in Cooper County, Missouri, December 27th, 1830, son of Samuel and Polly B. (Stevens) Weir. His father was a native of Tennessee, born April 9th, 1791, and died in Dade County October 21st, 1848. His mother was a native of Kentucky, born October 9th, 1797, and died September 23rd, 1883. His father and mother came to Dade County in 1840 and entered a large tract of land, some of it adjoining the city of Greenfield. He owned 2,000 acres at the time of his death. There were ten children in this family, but all are dead except Sampel J. He remained at home on the old homestead, living with his parents till both passed away. The house where he now lives was also the home of his father. Part of it is constructed of logs, built by his father, but is now weather-boarded over, and is probably one of the oldest, if not the very oldest, building in the county. His father was a Cumberland Presbyterian minister and rode and preached all over southwest Missouri. He also married many of the older settlers of the county.

Samuel J. Weir was married on the 10th day of February, 1858, to Mattie D. Wilson, who was born April 21st, 1840, and died March 27th, 1915. She was a daughter of William Wilson. There were ten children born of this union, nine of whom grew to maturity: Nora, born February 24th, 1859, married Lewis Hembree; Don, born November 7th, 1862; Anna, born September 15th, 1861, married D. P. Duffy; Horace E., born November 14th, 1867; George L., born March 8th, 1868; Robert S., born November 17th, 1874; Frank B., born December 12th, 1876; Lucy M., born June 10th, 1878, married J. L. Higgins; Daisy D., born August 31st, 1882, married R. O. Ball, died leaving one child.

Samuel J. Weir entered the mercantile business in Cooper County in 1864, but was cleaned out by Confederate soldiers and others just as he was getting ready to move back to Dade County. After coming to Greenfield he enlisted in the Enrolled Militia of Missouri, and

served in the Home Guards. In politics Mr. Weir is a Democrat. In the earlier days of his life he accumulated a large amount of property, much of which has been given to his children. He has given them all a good start in life. At the present time he is the owner of land near Greenfield, much of which has been given to his children to use, retaining only a life estate for himself, and all of which will be theirs after his death.

Mr. Weir remembers much concerning the pioneer life in Dade County. He readily recalls the days of ox-teams, poor roads, log cabin homes, gourd dippers, spinning wheels, looms and corn-dodger bread baked in the fireplace skillet. In those days buggies, spring wagons, harvesting machines, sewing machines, telephones, electric lights and automobiles had never been dreamed of, much less realized.

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JAMES P. WHEELER.

Was born in Polk Township, Dade County, Missouri, February 24th, 1869, son of John C. and Melissa Jane (Hayes) Wheeler. His father was also born in Dade County, January 24th, 1840, while his mother was a native of Kentucky. His paternal grandfather was born in Tennessee January 23rd, 1800, and married Barbara Julian, also a native of Tennessee. They came to Missouri in 1838, bringing a family of six children with them, and settled in Polk Township, taking up 640 acres of government land. These old people farmed all their life. He cleared out a great many acres and was a fine specimen of the hardy pioneer. Both are buried in the Wheeler cemetery in Polk Township.

John C. Wheeler was married and remained with his father for about one year, when he purchased 120 acres of land just across the line in Polk County, which was partly improved. He built a large barn on this land, farmed it for about six years, and then traded it for an improved 160 acres in Barton County, upon which he moved, and remained for two years, sold out and

bought 260 acres of the old homestead in Polk Township, the place where he was born. Here he lived and worked, building a fine house and barn and cleared out considerable land. Here also he died. He was a Republican, active in local politics, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in Company L, Sixth Missouri Cavalry, and served for four years in the South. His widow is still living in Dadeville at the age of 67 years, in fairly good health. John C. Wheeler and wife were the parents of six children, which grew to maturity:

- (1) James P. Wheeler, the subject of this sketch.
- (2) Calvin, a farmer (now deceased), married Nellie Gilliland.
- (3) William Leander, a farmer, lives in Polk County, near the Dade County line.
- (4) Dollie, married Roy C. King of Polk Township.
- (5) Clarence C., now lives in Polk County.
- (6) Bessie, married William Maze, a hardware merchant in Dadeville.

James P. Wheeler remained at home till 20 years of age. He obtained his schooling in Dade County in the common schools, high school and Ozark College. He taught school at the age of 17 years. On the 14th day of August, 1892, he was married to Alma Gilliland, who was born in Kentucky September 26th, 1875, daughter of H. A. and Nannie (Bryan) Gilliland, both natives of Kentucky. Her father was a farmer in Polk County.

James P. Wheeler and wife are the parents of three children, all of whom are living:

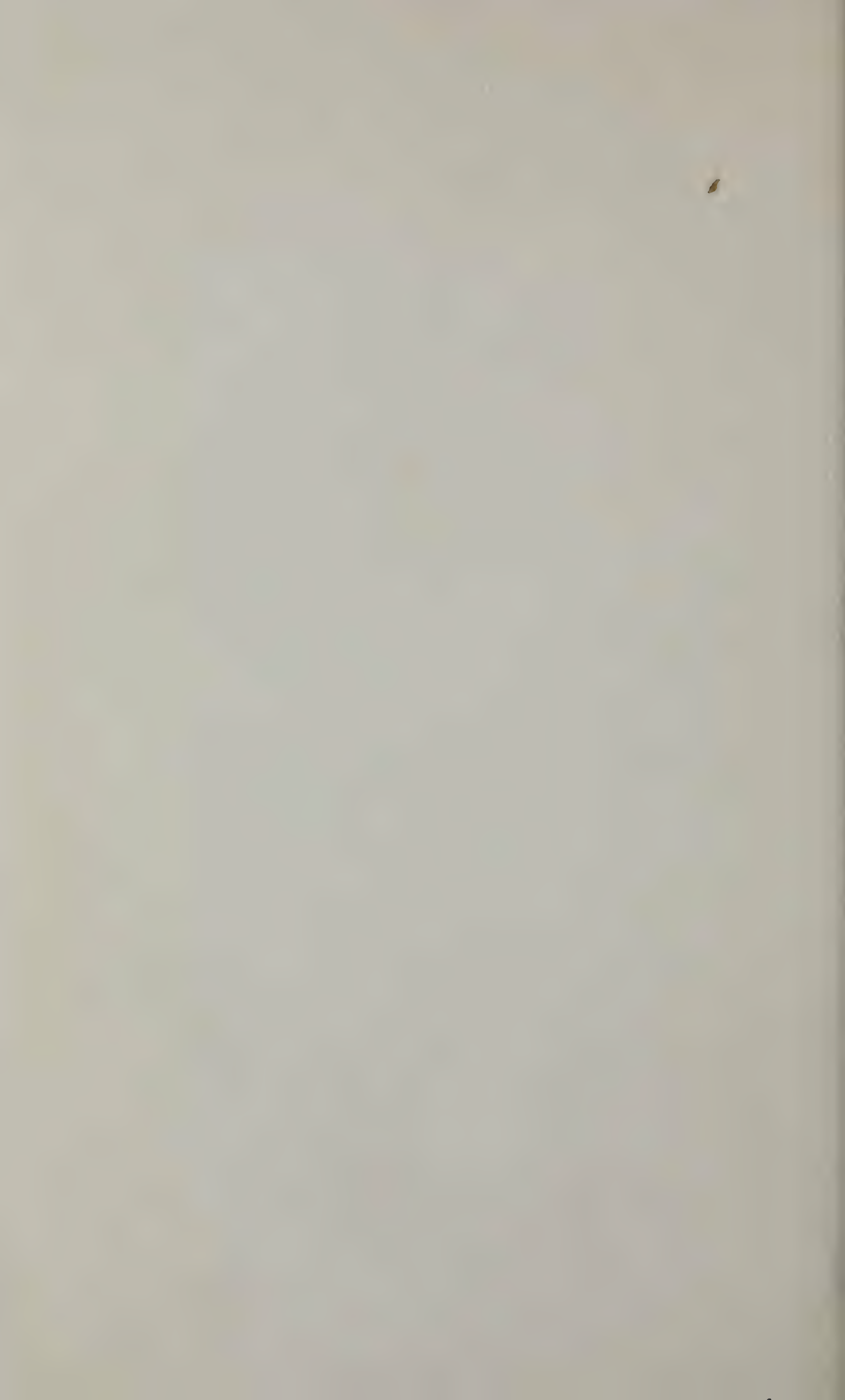
- (1) John Hugh, born March 6th, 1896. Is now attending the State Normal School at Springfield, and will serve in 1917 his first year as principal of Greenfield public schools.
- (2) Bertha, born October 28th, 1897, graduate of High School at Greenfield.
- (3) Gale, born July 26th, 1899. Is still at home, and is a graduate of High School at Greenfield. Both



JOHN W. WOODARD AND WIFE.



JAMES L. DAIGH AND WIFE.
JOHN WOODARD AND WIFE.



girls are making a specialty of music, in which line they show much proficiency.

James P. Wheeler taught school in Dade County for ten years, and was one year principal of the Everton city schools. Farming and stock raising has, however, been his principal occupation in life. He first bought 100 acres of farming land in Polk Township, kept it for 10 years, sold out and bought 160 acres near Greenfield. About this time he also bought 160 acres in Polk Township. Afterward he exchanged the 160 acres near Greenfield to T. Howard Finley in the purchase of the 240-acre farm upon which he now resides in East Center Township, three miles northeast of Greenfield. He also owns 20 acres just north of the city of Greenfield.

Mr. Wheeler is a high-grade farmer and stock man, handling Shropshire sheep, Poland-China hogs, and does some feeding on his present farm.

His farm is improved with fine buildings and ornamented with a 20-acre grove of native trees for a front yard. This grove is clean and kept as beautiful as a lawn. Altogether, his farm is one of the most attractive and desirable to be found in the county.

In politics Mr. Wheeler is a Democrat, but he has never held or desired a public office. His wife is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Wheeler holds membership in the Odd Fellow and M. W. A. of Greenfield. When the good roads movement first became dominant in Dade County Mr. Wheeler was one of its prime movers. He was instrumental in building more than three miles of rock road from Greenfield to the Lundsford ford before voting of road bonds was ever dreamed of. Mr. Wheeler has always been a public-spirited citizen, taking great interest in every movement and organization, especially among the farmers, which had for its object the betterment of living conditions in the community.

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CHARLES D. WHITE.

One of Dade County's most prominent native sons is Charles D. White of North Sac Township. He was

born December 2nd, 1862, on the farm that he now owns and upon which he makes his residence. He was the son of Elija and Caroline (Clark) White, both natives of Tennessee, where they were married in June, 1855. Mr. White had come into Dade County in the year 1851, and bought 80 acres of land and entered an adjoining 180, and here he and his wife lived, carrying on general farming and stock raising until he passed away. He died in early life, while his wife lived a number of years longer, and married as her second husband Anderson Fox, by whom she raised a family. She died January 13th, 1917, at an advanced age of 85 years. Mr. and Mrs. White were the parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Nancy, the widow of Harry C. Crisp, and is now living in North Sac Township, directly on the Dade and Cedar County line; John, a farmer of North Sac Township, married as his first wife Emma Fry, and she died leaving two children, he subsequently marrying Susie Taylor, by whom he has five children; and Charles D., the subject of this sketch.

Charles D. White has always remained at home, or at least on a portion of the original White homestead. He had very little chance for schooling and was taught to work, and to work hard. At the age of 14 he started out for himself. At the time of his father's death he received 100 acres of good land from his father's estate. On January 18th, 1885, Mr. White married Eliza Duncan, who was born January 9th, 1869, a daughter of Eli Duncan and Caroline McGurie, his wife, both natives of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. White have two fine children, as follows: Myrtle C., born January 1, 1886, and married Carter Clopton; they are farming in Dade County and have one child, Robert Theopolis, born July 27th, 1916. Jessie, born July 27th, 1887, married Marvin Willitt; they are farming in Cedar County and have one child, Charles H., who was born January 27th, 1909.

Charles D. White is a successful farmer and stock man. He has stuck to his original farm as received from

his father's estate and through the years has prospered exceedingly, and has added to his original holdings, until now he has 219 acres practically in a body. Here he has done considerable improving, having cleared, fenced and cross-fenced, using all hog-tight wire, and this fine place is all in cultivation with the exception of 20 acres of timber. Here in 1912 he built a 90-ton silo, and the same year he erected a fine new barn 38x40, and large sheds and outbuildings. He has a very attractive residence, as well as a new four-room house, on another part of his place, which he built in 1915.

This is one of the fine stock farms of northern Dade County. It is well watered, and here Mr. White handles yearly some 200 head of Poland-China hogs, one car of cattle and other stock.

In politics Mr. White is a Democrat, and has served on the school board for a number of years and also has been road commissioner and constable. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and finer Christian people it is hard to find. Truly, Mr. White is one of the leading citizens, ever ready to help with his time and money in any cause for the good of the county or its people. A big-hearted, broad-minded man is Charley White. He is a booster for good roads and public schools. Was one of the first to become interested in the rural telephone. He is a wide-awake, aggressive, progressive man.

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GEORGE W. WILSON.

Was born in Tennessee on the 24th day of September, 1852, son of Solomon H. and Mary M. (Bell) Wilson. They were both natives of Tennessee and were married there. They were farmers in their native state and came direct to Dade County in 1857 and settled on a partly improved 160 acres a few miles northwest of where Everton now stands. They stayed there about two years, then traded for 270 acres on Lynn Branch, and lived there the remainder of their days. He had retired from active

business and lived for a while in Everton, but eventually returned to the farm, where he died in 1896. His wife lived until 1906, when she died, also at the farm. There were 15 children in this family, three dying in infancy:

- (1) John S., now deceased.
- (2) George W., the subject of this sketch.
- (3) W. O. (see sketch.)
- (4) Dr. C. F., now located in Memphis, Tex.
- (5) J. G. (see sketch.)
- (6) S. H., now deceased. His widow lives in Everton.
- (7) Albert L., lives in Springfield.
- (8) Elender Jane, now deceased. Was the wife of Judge John M. Landers.
- (9) Eliza Ann, now Mrs. Ewing Carlock.
- (10) Mary L., now the wife of W. L. Roark of Aurora, Mo.
- (11) Victoria P., now Mrs. J. E. Gyles of Hereford, Tex.
- (12) Veda P., widow of Albert Morris (see sketch).

Solomon H. Wilson was a prominent Democrat, but never held office. He ran for Representative on the Democratic ticket in 1884, but was defeated. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, belonged to the Masonic lodge at Dadeville, and served in the militia during the war.

George W. Wilson remained at home until 22 years of age, received his schooling in the country schools of Dade County. He farmed on his own account for about two years, then entered the mining business in the McGee district, after which he entered the mercantile business at the old Cross Roads, one mile northeast of Everton. He remained at this point for five years, then moved his stock to Everton in 1881. He was in company with W. Y. McLemore, who later sold out to J. G. Wilson, after which the business was conducted in the name of Wilson Bros. In 1889 George W. Wilson sold out his interest in the store to his father and brother and started a private bank under the name of "Bank of Everton," which

he conducted as a private institution for 25 years. In 1914 it became incorporated for \$25,000, with George W. Wilson as President; W. Y. McLemore, Vice President; Monte Poindexter, Cashier, and Clarence McLemore, Assistant Cashier, who are the officials at the present time. For a number of years this bank was known as the largest private bank in Southwest Missouri, the deposits averaging more than \$200,000, and with a total footing in excess of \$250,000.

George W. Wilson was married February 15th, 1857, to Miss Fannie McLemore, a native of Dade County, Missouri, daughter of Archibald McLemore. They have no children. Mr. Wilson is an extensive farmer as well as a banker. He is the owner of more than 600 acres of farm land, all in Dade County except 91 acres in Lawrence County. He makes a specialty of apple orchards, and his shipments in carload lots run away up into the thousands of bushels.

Mr. Wilson is a public-spirited citizen and has been identified with every movement which has had for its object the betterment of Everton and vicinity. Good roads and good schools have been the special objects of his devotion. In a financial way his value to the community can hardly be estimated. In politics Mr. Wilson is a Democrat, but too busy to seek or hold office. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and active in its benevolences. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership at Everton. Since the incorporation of the Bank of Everton Mr. Wilson has found more time for outdoor recreation, which he has taken advantage of, to the great benefit of his health as well as to the betterment of his farming enterprises. Mr. Wilson is the owner of one of the fine homes in Everton, the comfort of which he enjoys quite as much if not more than the strenuous occupation of making money.

WILLIAM OREGON WILSON.

There is no more prominent farmer and citizen in Dade County than W. O. Wilson of Polk Township. He was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, February 4th, 1855, a son of Solomon H. and Mary (Bell) Wilson. Both the Wilsons and Bells were pioneer settlers of Dade County. Solomon Wilson came overland to Dade County in the year 1857. Wm. O., of this review, remained at home until he was 22 years of age, and had the usual experiences of the farmer boy. He first started for himself on 79 acres of land in Polk Township, which he had bought, and on this he lived for two years, and after improving it, sold out and bought 200 acres where he now lives. In the meantime he had married Miss Sallie Carlock on March 28th, 1877. She is a daughter of L. L. Carlock, who was a very early settler of this county, and of whom a sketch will be found elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born three children, as follows: Lula, born April 4th, 1880, married J. S. Whitaker, a lumber merchant of Walnut Grove, and they have six daughters, namely, Joe, Francis, Helen, Ruth, June, Virginia; James H. Wilson, born May 28th, 1882, is at home and in partnership with his father; Evalyn, born April 2nd, 1885, married Dr. C. A. Rowe of Lamar, Mo., and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, born May 6th, 1916.

When Mr. Wilson first bought his present original farm it was little improved, and he went to work with a will to get it in shape; he had to clear and fence it. He cleared 110 acres and fenced with rails. There was a small log house on the place, and to this he added a frame addition, and here they lived until 1905, when he built a beautiful nine-room residence, modern in every way, including a bathroom and lights. The house is surrounded with a fine grove and well-kept lawn, and is one of the beauty spots of the country. Mr. Wilson is one of the largest land owners in the country, for he has greatly prospered with his farming and stock raising. He now has 986 acres of fine land. It lies all in a body

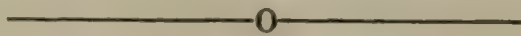
and comprises an ideal stock ranch. Here Mr. Wilson raises mules and horses, and feeds yearly eight to ten carloads of cattle and some eight to ten carloads of hogs. His farm is equipped with four silos, with a capacity of 460 tons. This is one of the busiest places in the country, and truly Mr. Wilson is worthy of the name of being the largest stock farmer in the entire county. Besides farming and stock raising, Mr. Wilson has other large interests. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Bank of Walnut, and also of the Bank of Everton, and is a director of the Bank of Everton, and he is a stockholder in the Everton Hardware Company. In politics he is a Democrat, but does not seek or care for office, as his large business interests absorb his time, for, indeed, it takes close application and large business capacity to manage such a large business as Mr. Wilson has, and he is well able to do the job as is amply proven by the appearance of things around him. With all his success in life, Mr. Wilson is not a bit stuck up. He is a pleasant, courteous, Christian gentleman. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he has been an elder for many years. Mr. Wilson is truly one of our foremost citizens, and can always be relied upon for help in any worthy cause that is for the good of the county and its people. A broad-minded, big-hearted man, he is a booster for good roads and schools, and the type of citizen we need more of.

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JAMES G. WILSON.

One of the prominent business men and farmers of Dade County is Jas. G. Wilson, whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Wilson has had an eventful and strenuous life. He is the son of Solomon and Mary (Bell) Wilson, who came to this county in 1857, overland from Tennessee. Mr. Wilson was born October 20th, 1860, in Dade County, and remained at home until 22 years of age, at which time he entered the mercantile business with his brother, Geo. W. Wilson, at Everton, where they opened

up a general merchandise store, and ran under the firm name of Wilson Brothers, which continued for about ten years, when he sold out to his brother, and then engaged in the merchandise brokerage business at Kansas City under the firm name of Shawgo & Wilson. This business was conducted for ten years, when they closed out, and Mr. Wilson returned to Dade County, and since has been connected with his brother, W. O. Wilson, in the business of stock raising on the large Wilson ranch in Polk Township. Here they carry on one of the largest stock and feeding businesses in the country. A complete sketch of W. O. Wilson and also Geo. W. Wilson, brothers of James G., will be found elsewhere in these pages. Mr. Wilson first married Miss Louise Fyffe, in 1882. She was a native of Dade County, and died leaving two children, the oldest Mamie, married Charles Brockway, and they live in California and have one child, Charles W.; Clair F. is now living in Kansas, and has a family of four children, as follows: King and Chas. R. are living at home; there were two children, Glasly and Fay, who are deceased. Mr. Wilson married for his second wife Miss Josie Mason, who died leaving one son, Paul, who married Miss Minnie Bowman and is living in Dade County. On March 27th, 1898, Mr. Wilson was again married, to Minnie C. Peterson, who was born July 26th, 1871, in Edgar County, Illinois, and brought by her parents to Kansas, where her father was an early settler. Mr. Wilson is now, we hope, settled for good in Dade County, for we need many such broad-minded and industrious gentlemen as he. He is a red-hot Democrat and a progressive, hustling business man. Here is hoping that he always remains with us.



W. S. WILSON.

One of Dade County's most prominent native sons and farmers is W. S. Wilson of Rock Prairie Township. He was born September 24th, 1873, a son of Charles and Martha (Hastings) Wilson. Charles Wilson was born



CHARLES M. COX AND WIFE.
JACOB COX AND WIFE.

in McMinn, Tenn., and came to Dade County in 1868, but soon went further west into Kansas, where he took up a claim, and in 1871 traded this for 160 acres of good land in Rock Prairie Township, Dade County, which he cleared and generally improved. In the meantime he had married, in 1869, Miss Martha Hastings, by whom he had one son, W. S., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Wilson died June 19th, 1878, and Mr. Wilson again married, this time Elizabeth Grisham, but they had no children. Mr. Wilson died January 27th, 1912, and his second wife is still living. He was a Democrat all his life and was in the Civil war, serving in the Confederate army for three years. He was at the Siege of Vicksburg under General Pemberton and was twice captured, and spent some time in prison at Morton, Ind., after a capture. He was a fine Christian gentleman and belonged to the Baptist church.

W. S. Wilson was brought up on the farm and had the usual experiences of the farmer boy, working and attending school. He received a good education and taught school for sixteen years, all in Dade County. December 22nd, 1898, Mr. Wilson married Miss Clara Grisham, who was born in Dade County February 22nd, 1875, a daughter of M. H. and Jane (Blakey) Grisham. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born five children, as follows: Mattie J., born January 10th, 1901; Nina E., born January 15th, 1904; Thora Maude, born May 2nd, 1908; Charles H., born March 12th, 1911, and William Lawrence, born September 8th, 1913, all at home and enjoying good educational advantages. Mr. Wilson is an up-to-date farmer and uses all modern machinery and methods. His fine farm comprises 300 acres of as good land as can be found in the county. On this place he has a 100-ton silo and handles considerable stock to advantage. In politics Mr. Wilson is a Democrat, but has never sought or cared for office, as his large business interests and fine family receive his undivided attention. Truly, Mr. Wilson is one of our first citizens. He is progressive and is always ready to help in any enterprise

that is for the good of the county. He is a booster for good roads and a friend of our free public school system. He is a type of citizen that we need more of, and we are proud to own him as one of our native sons.

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CHARLES WINKLE.

Born in Monroe County, Tennessee, March 18th, 1841, son of Joseph and Mary (Wilson) Winkle, both natives of Tennessee. His father came to Greene County, Missouri, in the fall of 1851, and after making one crop they moved to Dade County in 1852 and bought a claim of 80 acres from David Waddell, and later added by purchase until he owned 220 acres.

Charles Winkle received 40 acres of land from his father's estate, and purchased 40 acres of the land which his father originally settled. Both his father and mother are now deceased. Joseph Winkle was a Democrat. Charles remained at home until he was 29 years of age, when he married, October 7th, 1869, Sarah Mathews, who was born April 5th, 1848, daughter of James and Mary (Gilles) Mathews, both born in Coffey County, Tennessee. The father died in Tennessee and his family moved to Arkansas, and later to Ozark County, Missouri, (then to Gasconade County), and finally, in 1866, came to Dade County. They settled near Hoyle Mill. The mother re-married to a man by the name of Alex Brantley, a native of Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winkle never had any children. However, they have raised several: Nancy D. Brantley from the age of 10 years; she was Mrs. Winkle's half-sister, and is now Mrs. Henry Saffles. They also raised Hugh and Newt Burlison. They lived with Mr. and Mrs. Winkle until they were married. They have an adopted son, Loda C. Winkle, who married Della Ritchie, and they have one child, Charles Burton, born August 4th, 1909.

Mr. Winkle is a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the M. E. church (South.)

At the breaking out of the Civil war Mr. Winkle enlisted in the Confederate army in Company E, Eighth Regiment, under Clarkson. This enlistment was only for state service. He next enlisted in Company G, Sixteenth Regiment, under Captain Stemmons (afterwards a colonel), and served in General Price's division, Parson's Brigade. He was wounded in the battle of Prairie Grove, but not seriously, remaining in the fight. Was in the Red River campaign. He served till the end of the war and was discharged at Shreveport, La.

Mr. Winkle is the owner of a fine farm, well improved, consisting of 124 acres, good frame house, erected in 1882, with comfortable and commodious outbuildings. He is living in ease and comfort, enjoying the benefits of his industry and frugality of former days.

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JOHN JAMES WINKLE.
(Deceased.)

Was born in Monroe County, Tennessee, and died in Dade County, Missouri, February 4th, 1910. He was a son of Joseph and Mary (Wilson) Winkle, both natives of Tennessee. His father and mother came to Greene County, Missouri, in the fall of 1851, and after farming there one year came to Dade County in 1852, where they settled near Hoyle Mill. He purchased a relinquishment on 80 acres of land from David Waddell, and later acquired title to adjoining land, until he owned 220 acres. His father in his life time gave John a 40-acre tract of land as a start in life.

On the 15th day of April, 1870, he was married to Narcissus Catharine Scott, who was born January 29th, 1846, daughter of Emerson Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Winkle raised seven children. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil war and witnessed many hardships and dangers incident to that service. A complete resume of his service will be recorded in another part of this history in a sketch written by Lewis Renfro. In politics Mr. Winkle was a Demo-

crat. Both himself and wife were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. At the time of his death Mr. Winkle was the owner of 169 acres of fine land fairly well improved, upon which Mrs. Winkle still resides.

Mr. Winkle was an industrious man, of frugal habits, and a good citizen. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, in good standing, at the time of his death.

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JOSEPH H. WINTER.
(Deceased.)

One of Dade County's best known stock men was Joseph H. Winter. He was a man who was business at all times. A man who became one of our most substantial citizens and one whose memory will never die. Mr. Winter was born in Maryland on October 19th, 1844, of English parentage. His father was John Winter and his mother's given name was Ester. Little is available of the records of his parents on either side. That they were of the right stuff is evident in the fact that their son Joseph was a man, every inch of him. He enlisted in the Confederate army, and, while no records are obtainable, it is known that he served the cause with honor. He first came to Dade County in 1871, after having spent some five years in Iowa getting a start in the world by working out. When he came to Dade he was able to buy 320 acres of land on the prairie west of Lockwood. This he began to improve. He built a house and lived alone. His stock operations were large and his strong will and determination to succeed bore fruit in abundance, for at the time of his marriage he had accumulated about 1,000 acres of as fine land as lies in Dade County. He married January 1st, 1884, Miss Lucia Bowen, who was born July 27th, 1856, a daughter of Charles and Martha (Cummings) Bowen. Her father was a native of Illinois and her mother was born in Tennessee. They were married in Illinois and made their home in Iowa, and later were for three years in Polk County, Missouri, when they moved to Dade County,

where they farmed successfully. To Joseph Winter and wife were born two daughters: Miss Ethel was born July 5th, 1889, and is an accomplished young lady, now residing at home with her mother; May was born May 5th, 1894, and married December 3rd, 1915, to Melville Hunt, a farmer of Grant Township, Dade County. Since the death of Joseph H. Winter, which occurred July 26th, 1908, Mrs. Winter has managed the large farming interests, and resides in her elegant residence in Grant Township. This fine home was built by Mr. and Mrs. Winter prior to Mr. Winter's death, and it is indeed one of the best residences in the county. The house was built in 1897 and is a modern eight-room dwelling, with bath and large cement porches, and is surrounded by a beautiful grove and well-kept lawn. Mr. Winter was a Democrat in politics and active in the work of his party. He was a fine, broad-gauged man of affairs, and the record of his life so well and profitably spent may well be the inspiration to the young men of our county, for it tells what any man with the right metal and capacity for honesty of purpose and right dealing can accomplish. When Mr. Winter passed from among us he was counted one of our most wealthy citizens, as well as one of our very best from the standpoint of home, county and state.

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JOHN W. WOODARD.

The Woodards are among the oldest families of Dade County. John W. Woodard was born in Rock Prairie Township January 3rd, 1860, son of John Woodard and Eunice (Jerome) Woodard. His father was a native of Kentucky, while his mother was a native of Ohio. His father was brought to Dade County by the grandfather of John W. in the early 40's from Kentucky and settled north of Everton. The grandfather's name was George J. Woodard. He owned several tracts of land in the vicinity of where Everton now stands, and at the time of his death owned 120 acres one mile south-

east of Everton. He died at the advanced age of 93 years. He was twice married, his first wife dying some 25 years before his decease. His only children were by his first wife, six in number, two boys and four girls, all deceased. John Woodard, in company with his father, operated a tan yard in the vicinity of where Everton now stands. At the breaking out of the Civil war he joined the Confederate army. He died January 8th, 1864, and his widow married George D. Hunts, from Tennessee. She died December 25th, 1879. John Woodard was a democrat, a member of the M. E. church (South), as also was his wife. They raised a family of seven children, all born in Dade County, where they also were married. There are four living. John W. was the fifth child:

- (1) William Jasper, a farmer, now living in Howell County.
- (2) Mary Jane, now Mrs. Henry Hunts, of Phoenix, Ariz.
- (3) Richard Newton (deceased), died in Colorado.
- (4) Laura, died at the age of 6 years.
- (5) John W. Woodard.
- (6) Sterling P., moved to Kansas and died there.
- (7) Sarah, now Mrs. Thompson of San Diego, Cal.

John W. Woodard resided on the home farm of 160 acres in Rock Prairie Township with his mother until her death, then, on the 25th day of December, 1881, he married Lizzie R. Daigh, who was born in Christian County, Ill., on March 12th, 1863, a daughter of James L. and Eveline (Willis) Daigh. Her father is still living in Barton County, Missouri, with his son-in-law, Mr. Hastings, at the age of 82 years. Her mother died at the age of 69 years.

In 1883 John W. Woodard moved to Elk County, Kansas, where he rented land for two years, returning to Dade County.

Mrs. Woodard is the second of a family of 13 children. Her father, James L. Daigh, was born in Lawrence County, and her mother, Eveline Willis, was born

in Dade County, a daughter of Rev. Willis, a well-known minister of the gospel:

(1) Willis Daigh, a farmer residing in South Township.

(2) Mrs. John W. Woodard.

(3) Richard T., lives west of Pennsboro.

(4) Charles, died at the age of 10 years.

(5) Mary, now Mrs. Buster Hastings of Barton county.

(6) George, died at the age of 38 (was killed) left wife and three children. She was Miss Ella Ruyle, a native of Lawrence county, and now lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

(7) John Harvey, now living in Kansas.

(8) Francis Elmer, a farmer of South Township.

(9) Leslie, a farmer in Dade county.

(10) Alva, lives in Webb City. Twin sister died in infancy.

(12) Amanda, now Mrs. Frank Grewell, a farmer of Dade County.

(13) Jesse, died at the age of 28 years. Was twice married. First wife, Alta Mitchell, a native of Dade County. Second wife, Laura White of Greene County.

John W. Woodard and wife are the parents of five children, three of whom are living:

(1) Charles E., born November 23rd, died January 1st, 1885.

(2) W. Roy, born February 22nd, 1884, married Bertha Gideon, a native of Barton county, Mo. He is now farming in Barton county, has one child, Wava, born March 26th, 1914.

(3) Neva G., born December 3rd, 1887, married Richard Hill, a farmer of Lawrence County, Mo. Two children were born to them, one baby named Donald died in infancy and Ralph Harold, born December 22nd, 1914.

(4) Lela B., born August 15th, 1893.

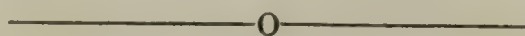
(5) Baby, died in infancy.

On his return from Kansas in 1885, John W. Woodard purchased a partly improved 80 acres of land in South

Township, which he immediately proceeded to put in first class shape. In 1891 he erected a fine 8-room house and in 1907 he added a splendid barn. Mr. Woodard was prosperous and bought an adjoining 70 acres of land. His farm now consists of 150 acres, fenced, cross-fenced, well watered with branch and four wells, and especially improved for raising hogs.

Mr. Woodard is engaged in general farming, raises cattle, hogs and mules and is living easy. He is experimenting with alfalfa. He and his family are members of the Christian church, worshiping at Antioch. Mr. Woodard is a democrat, has served as Justice of the Peace six years, a member of the Township board four years and as school director for sixteen years. During most of those years he was clerk of the board. He is a member of the Odd Fellow lodge at Everton, and for two years the family resided in Greenfield where the daughter attended High School.

Mr. Woodard is a man who never frets or worries. He takes life easy and tries to make the best out of every aggravating situation. He is respected by his neighbors and friends and is always ready to lend a helping hand to those who are in trouble or distress.



JOHN A. WOODY.

Was born in Dade County, Mo., December 28th, 1855, a son of James C. and Eliza (Alexander) Woody, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. His father was born in Tennessee, May 19th, 1824, was married to Eliza Alexander in that state and came to Missouri in 1850. They made the trip overland with a party of emigrants, being six weeks on the road. His first purchase of Dade county soil consisted of 160 acres but prosperity enabled him to add another 160 acres before his death. At the time of his coming to Missouri, James C. Woody had one daughter, Lorina, who afterward married Alonzo Buchanan and raised a family of four children. One son, James Buchanan now lives in Springfield.



E. S. RING'S STORE,
Ernest, Mo.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN Mc. PATTERSON.

James C. Woody died in September, 1880, his wife, Eliza Woody, died September 18th, 1908.

John A. Woody was the 4th of a family of eight children:

(1) Lorina, mentioned above.

(2) Catherine, first married to Henry Maxwell. After his death she was married to Rolla Freeman and now they reside in Idaho.

(3) Oliver, a farmer living near Golden City, Barton county. They have two children, L. Laverne and Maude.

(4) John A. Woody.

(5) James Wesley, married Margaret Dodson and raised two children. He is now deceased, his widow lives in Colorado.

(6) Charles E., married Buella Porter of West Plains. He is now a regular practicing physician at Springfield but was formerly prominent in Dade county.

(7) Alice Elnora, died at the age of 26. She was a Dade County teacher, and at one time was a member of the Greenfield High School faculty.

(8) Cordie F., married James Yarbrow, now of Springfield. They have four children, Gladys, Leslie, Elizabeth and James Edward.

John A. Woody and Mary Magdaline (Kimbler) Woody were married December 5th, 1882. She was born February 20th, 1861, a daughter of Henry and Cynthia Ann (Humbert) Kimbler who were married in East Tennessee July 30th, 1846, came to Dade County in 1853. They bought 80 acres of land and lived thereon. He was a soldier in the civil war and died in service, October 7th, 1861. She died May 17th, 1898. Of their seven children, Mrs. Woody was the only girl. The others are:

(1) Samuel, married Sarah Boyd. Lives near Hulston Mill and has two children.

(2) William, married Mary L. Wright. He died September 21st, 1892 leaving a large family. He was twice married, his second wife, Mary Jane (Wright) is still living on the farm in Polk Township.

(3) Anderson Riley, died when 5 years of age.

(4) Joseph A., died at the age of 27 years.

(5) Henry A., now living in Oklahoma. Married Margaret Coose and raised a large family.

(6) John Harvey, died in infancy.

(7) Thomas David (a twin of Mrs. Woody) died August 9th, 1883, married Orlena Stockton, one child which died in infancy.

Mr. Woody and wife were the parents of three children:

(1) James Albert, died in infancy.

(2) John C., born February 7th, 1890, died age 5 months.

(3) Anna May (twin) born February 7th, 1890, married Howard Farmer, a farmer and teacher. They have two children: John Howard, born April 12th, 1914 and Samuel, born June 29th, 1917. Anna May was a teacher in the Dade County schools for a few years prior to her marriage.

John A. Woody and wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He is a republican in politics. His father served in the militia during the war. Mr. Woody spent 13 years in Greenfield, returning to his farm in 1913.

Mr. Woody owns and resides upon a fine farm of 100 acres a few miles northeast of Greenfield. It is improved with two dwelling houses, one being occupied by Howard Farmer, his son-in-law. They do a general farming business, the entire tract being in cultivation. Mr. Woody has owned this farm since 1884 and has placed all the improvements thereon.

Mr. Woody is an exemplary citizen, being vitally interested in the general welfare of the county. He is a leader for good schools, good roads and good citizenship. Mrs. Woody died May 13th, 1917.

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JOHN Q. WORKMAN.

A short time prior to the civil war a colony of homeseekers headed by John Dyer, Sr., was formed at Allegheny City, Pa., and known as the "Sylvania Homestead

Company'' and its agents located several thousand acres of land in Dade County. Each member of this colony was to receive 80 acres of prairie land, 10 acres of timber land and one town lot in the prospective city of Sylvania. The members of this colony were artisans living in the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny City. The breaking out of the civil war in a large measure destroyed this enterprise, however a number of its members came to Dade County and occupied the land allotted them but the city of Sylvania was never built. Ross A. Workman, father of the subject of this sketch, was one of the original Sylvania Homesteaders.

John Q. Workman was born in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., December 4th, 1861, a son of Ross A. and Letitia (Gazzam) Workman, both natives of Pittsburg, Pa., of Scotch-Irish parentage. Ross A. Workman was a printer by trade and came to Dade County with his family in 1867 and settled upon that portion of the original Sylvania Homestead tract which had been allotted to him, in Cedar Township. Being the holder of two shares in the company he was allotted 160 acres. Ross A. Workman spent the remainder of his days in Dade County, departing this life in 1885 his wife having previously died in 1874. They were the parents of eight children all but one reaching maturity.

John Q. Workman was but six years of age when he came with his parents to Dade County and the next twenty years of his life was spent upon the farm. During that time he attended the common schools of the neighborhood and engaged in general farm work.

At the age of 27 years he and his brother Ross opened a tin-shop in Lockwood. Here he worked at the bench repairing tinware, polishing stoves and later did considerable out-side tin work on buildings, and after three years formed a partnership with his brother Ross and engaged in the general hardware business under the firm name of Workman Bros. This firm continued in business 23 years and prospered. In the beginning it was quartered in a small frame building but as its business grew it be-

came necessary to erect a large two-story brick business block with a frontage of 42 feet on Mission street and augmented with commodious storage rooms in the rear. As the years went by, Ross sold his interest in the business to Jacob F. Horn and for two years the business continued in the name of Workman & Horn, after which Mr. Workman sold out to engage in the then new enterprise of selling automobiles. With keen business foresight he secured the Dade County agency for the Ford cars and his son who was associated in business with him became the agent for the Oakland cars. They have sold these cars by the hundred and in order to accommodate their ever increasing business Mr. Workman in company with Arthur Smith erected a large two-story brick business block in Lockwood with ample show rooms, office, garage and work shop below and business offices on the second floor.

On the 17th day of December, 1883, Mr. Workman was married to Dora Scott, a native of Worth County, Missouri, who was born in April, 1865, a daughter of T. M. and Elizabeth (Bonham) Scott who came to Dade county in the 70's and settled on a farm in Cedar Township. Dora was one in a family of nine children. Her father is now dead.

John Q. Workman and wife are the parents of eight children, one dying in infancy, viz: ,

(1) Myrtle, a graduate of the Lockwood High School and a teacher by profession. Has taught a number of terms both in the country schools and in the High School at Lockwood.

(2) Wilma, a graduate of the Lockwood High School. Taught one term, married Fred R. Heisey who operates an auto-livery business. They have one child, Mildred.

(3) Sylvia, married John Covert, a farmer, residing near Lockwood. They have two children, Jay and Kenneth.

(4) Arden, asociated with his father in auto business.

(5) Clifford R., works in business with his father.

- (6) Ward, in school.
- (7) Harry, in school.
- (8) Virginia, at home.

Mr. Workman and wife are active members in the M. E. church. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the M. W. A. In politics Mr. Workman is a Republican and his official life has been confined to that of Alderman in the city of Lockwood. In business, Mr. Workman has been a success but in social and domestic affairs he has been even more. He has raised a large family of children who are an honor to their parents and a credit to the community in which they live. His home is one of the best in the city and one which he has occupied for more than 20 years. In matters of church and school Mr. Workman has always taken a leading part while in business circles his firm has always been looked upon as one of reliability and permanence.

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ANDREW JACKSON YOUNG.

Was born in an obscure log cabin in Woodville Township, Greene County, Illinois, December 24th, 1859. His father, Nathaniel Eaton Young was born in this same cabin, September 19, 1833. His grandfather, William Young, was born in Virginia in 1790, of German-French parentage, was a veteran of the war of 1812, and later of the Indian wars which raged in the Ohio valley. He was a member of Dick Johnson's company of famous riflemen and participated in the battle of Tippecanoe. At the close of the Indian wars he settled in Kentucky near Georgetown. He was a woodsman of the Daniel Boone type, wedded to winning the wilderness with the rifle and imbued with the wanderlust of the Cavalier. He was married to Catherine Ann Lair of Cynthianna, daughter of a wealthy distiller and after a few years emigrated to Greene County, Ills., and settled there in 1830. At the breaking out of the Mexican war he was again seized with the spirit of the Cavalier and entered that conflict as captain of a company of volunteers and served with dis-

tinction till the end of the war. The old army rifle, medals of honor and other souvenirs of pioneer days are still in possession of the family.

Ten children were born in Greene County cabin, Nathaniel E., being ninth in point of birth. They all grew to maturity and remained near the old homestead till the breaking out of the civil war. Nathaniel E. Young cast the only vote for Abraham Lincoln in Woodville Township in 1860.

Nathaniel E. Young was married on the 27th day of March, 1857, to Mary Peeler of Bloomington, Ills., daughter of Abner Peeler a minister of the gospel and a college professor. She was a Colonial Dame of purest Puritan stock, a graduate of the Bloomington Seminary and a teacher by profession.

To this union were born seven children:

(1) George Edwin, born March 4th, 1858, in Logan County, Illinois; married Huldah Slater, was a carpenter-contractor of Topeka, Kas., and died in February, 1890, leaving a widow and one son, Harold.

(2) Andrew Jackson, the subject of this sketch, born in Greene County, Illinois, December 24th, 1859.

(3) Annie Melissa, born in Sangamon County, Illinois, December 29th, 1861; married W. A. Wiley, lives at Palouse, Wash. They have five children.

(4) Sarah Ellen, born in Lyon County, Kansas, May 10th, 1864; married W. L. Mills, a railroad man. They have four children.

(5) Emily Alberta, born in Douglass County, Kansas, September 23rd, 1866; married Fred H. Woodbury, a cattle ranchman and farmer of Osage County, Kansas. She is now deceased. They had a family of nine children.

(6) William Evans, born in Douglas County, Kansas, December 8th, 1868; married Belle Moss. He is a ranchman in Wallace County, Kansas. They have two children.

(7) Augusta, born in Osage County, Kansas, April 19th, 1871; died single and unmarried at the age of 20 years.

At the breaking out of the Civil war Nathaniel E. Young moved to central Kansas and was stationed with the Seventeenth Kansas Infantry at Council Grove, which was then the Kaw Indian Agency. He was mustered out of the service at Fort Riley in 1865, and settled at Lawrence, Kas. He was a militant Republican, and with him the war never ended. He moved to the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation with his family while it was yet occupied by the Indians, was one of the founders of the city of Quenemo and spent the remainder of his days at this place. He died in October, 1909, and was buried beside his wife in the Quenemo cemetery, she having departed this life in November, 1887, at the age of 50 years.

A. J. Young grew to manhood upon the plains and rolling prairies of central Kansas with cowboys, half-breeds and frontiersmen for companions. He was a child of the forest and grew up very close to Nature. His education was acquired largely at home, his mother being a highly-educated woman and a teacher by profession. At the age of 16 years he attended his first Teachers' Institute, passed the examination, obtained a certificate and entered the teachers' profession. He taught school seven years, the last three as principal of the High School at Arvonias, Kas. When the Short Line Santa Fe Cut-Off was built from Kansas City to Emporia he was one of the townsite company that laid out Lebo in Coffey County, and at this place he resided for four years, engaged in the real estate and newspaper business.

On the 4th day of October, 1881, he was married to Laura Emily Bedell of Garnett, Kas., a daughter of Henry E. and Ann (Wiley) Bedell. Her father was a native of New York, following the Erie Canal in early manhood; a veteran of the Civil war, serving in a New York regiment, coming to Kansas in 1867 and settling in Allen County. He died at Leavenworth, Kas., January 1st, 1917. Her mother was a native of Canada, of French-Irish parentage, who came to Oswego County, New York, in an early day. She was the mother of eight children, two of whom died in infancy:

(1) Laura E., born at Bernhard's Bay, N. Y., September 2nd, 1862, wife of A. J. Young, the subject of this sketch.

(2) Annie, married Dr. C. F. Lusk, a prominent physician of Lebo, Kas.

(3) Mary Frances, a trained nurse, residing at the Knickerbocker Apartments in Kansas City.

(4) Edith, wife of R. T. Shaw, a traveling salesman, resides at Berkeley, Cal.

(5) Arthur I., married Rose Bosley of Cooper County, died at Carterville, Mo., in May, 1917, leaving four children.

(6) Albert H., engaged in the dairy business at Carterville, Mo. Has been twice married. Has five children.

A. J. Young and wife are the parents of three children, two of whom are living:

(1) Gertrude K., born at Arvon, Kas., June 16th, 1883, received her education in the common schools and High School at Lockwood, Mo., married M. R. Stark on December 25th, 1901. He died at Excelsior Springs in 1903, leaving one son, Monte Russell, born December 10th, 1902. He has made his home since infancy with his grandfather, A. J. Young. Gertrude is a stenographer and artistic decorator by profession and usually works in Kansas City.

(2) Gracie, born at Lebo, Kas., September 19th, 1884, died November 29th, 1888, and is buried at Quenemo, Kas.

(3) Mabel, born at Lebo, Kas., June 19th, 1886, received her education in the public schools at Lockwood, Mo., married John Howard Moran February 11th, 1907, and now resides at Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Moran is a traveling salesman. They have three children, John Howard, Jr., Mildred and Laura Bayne.

A. J. Young commenced the study of law and practiced in the justice courts in Kansas, and was admitted to the bar in Dade County in 1892.

He came to Dade County in May, 1890, a stranger in a strange land. Without money, without friends and



JOHN O. MITCHELL.

without employment. He first located at Lockwood and was engaged to teach the newly-organized band at that place. During the months of July and August of that year he taught the band of nights and worked in the harvest fields and at threshing in the day time. In September, 1890, he formed a partnership with William Beisner and engaged in the butcher and meat market business. He followed this business about six months, sold out and purchased the Lockwood Independent, a newspaper of local circulation. After about six months in the newspaper business he sold out and entered the practice of law.

As a lawyer Mr. Young's success was most gratifying. He was elected city attorney of Lockwood, practiced in all the local courts and was soon recognized as one of the leading lawyers of southwest Missouri. He was instrumental in organizing the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company and was its president for fourteen years. He always took great interest in the Fair Association and was an officer and director in that organization for many years.

In politics A. J. Young is a militant Republican and has been actively engaged in every campaign as a public speaker for the past twenty-four years. In 1902 he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Dade County and in January, 1903, moved to the county seat. He purchased property on East Wells street, consisting of a tract of about six acres, which is well improved. He owns his office building, located near the southeast corner of the Public Square.

He has an abstract business in connection with his law practice and has dealt largely in tax-title lands. He has lost considerable money in mining speculations, but in business as well as politics Mr. Young is a good loser.

He served one term as prosecuting attorney and two terms as city attorney and two terms as tax attorney since coming to Greenfield. In 1914 he was the candidate of his party for Congress in the Sixth Congressional District, and in 1916 he was the Republican candidate for circuit judge in the Twenty-sixth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Young has acquired a state-wide reputation as a public speaker, being a lecturer and pulpit orator as well as a campaign spellbinder. In the field of letters Mr Young has also gained considerable distinction. He is a regular contributor to the *National Sportsman*, the *American Field* and the *Forest and Stream*. His story entitled "The Glories of Snoqualmie" was perhaps the most widely-read and commented upon.

During the year 1909 Mr. Young visited the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, Wash., as the personal representative of Senator William Warner. He made the trip up the Alaska coast, and many of his best outing stories are based upon sights and scenes taken while on this journey. "In the Maze of the Magnetic North" was written at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Young are each members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mrs. Young having been converted almost in childhood, while his religious life dates from 1905. He has been a regularly licensed local preacher since 1906, and has visited many churches in various states, lecturing to the Epworth Leagues and religious assemblies.

The Pagan blood of his paternal ancestors quickened by war-like scenes from "The Dark and Bloody Ground" of Kentucky has in a measure been cooled by the Puritan influences coming from his mother's side of the house, but after all the real spirit of the man is best revealed in his sketch entitled "The Lure of the Legend" and his love for all that is beautiful in nature by its companion piece, "November in the Ozarks:"

"When I think of my home in the Ozarks,
In sight of their oak-grown crest,
On the banks of a stream with a golden gleam,
Flowing gently down to the West,
Then the loom of life runs smoother,
And the threads in its golden chain
Make bright autumn leaves in the web as it weaves,
Where the Ozarks meet the Plain."

REV. DAVID G. YOUNG.

Was born in Niagara County, New York, September 17th, 1829, son of Uriah and Phoebe (Gregory) Young. His father was a native of Vermont, a farmer by occupation, and died when David was very young. He had gone to Ohio to buy land, and never returned. His family never heard from him direct, but it was supposed that he had been murdered for his money. This was at a very early date. There were four children in this family: David G., the subject of this sketch, and three sisters, all deceased. A brother of Uriah Young married a sister of Phoebe Young, his mother, and they brought up this family, the mother having died very soon after the death of his father. The brother who took the four children to raise moved to Michigan and settled there in the early 30's, and both died there. They were located in Genessee County and David was brought up on a timbered farm, which he helped to clear and place in cultivation. He received his schooling in the common schools of Michigan. He started in life for himself at the age of 20 years, working out for various farmers in clearing up timber land, which occupation he followed up to the time of his marriage, which occurred first in 1856 to Margaret Pratt, a native of Michigan. She was the mother of one child, which they named Margaret, and died the day after the birth of the daughter. The daughter afterward married a man by the name of Holly, and raised a family of six children, all living but one. She lives at Silverton, Wash.

David G. Young, for his second wife, married Amanda Roberts, April 18th, 1861, a native of Illinois. She died in February, 1890, in Dade County, leaving seven children:

(1) Emma, now Mrs. W. S. Ayres of Westfield, Mass. She was a missionary to China for six years.

(2) John, now lives in St. Clair County, Missouri, a minister of the Baptist church, and a graduate of Ozark College, Greenfield.

(3) William, supposed to be living somewhere in west, whereabouts unknown. He is a surveyor by profession.

(4) Susie, married J. F. Duden of Springfield, Mo. She died in October, 1916.

(5) James R., lives in Blackfoot, Idaho. Is county surveyor and a prominent man in that locality.

(6) Clarence (now deceased), was in the Regular Volunteer army during the Spanish-American war. Died in Blackfoot, Idaho, where he enlisted.

(7) Ida, a prominent teacher in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she has been for the past nine years.

For his third wife D. G. Young married Cora Casey, on the 28th day of April, 1892, a native of Illinois, born September 18th, 1844, daughter of Blackford and Susanna (Johnson) Casey, who came to Barton County, Missouri, in 1874 and settled in Golden City. They were farmers by occupation and both are now deceased. He died in December, 1892, and she died in 1896.

D. G. Young was a farmer in early life, but was engaged in the mercantile business in Illinois at the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted at De Soto, Ill., August 12th, 1862, in Company D, Eighty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as duty sergeant, which rank he held till February 22nd, 1863, when he was promoted to second lieutenant of Company D, and on March 18th was promoted to first lieutenant, and on May 22nd, 1863, was promoted to captain, being three commissions in three months. He saw active service in the battles of Port Gibson, Miss.; Raymond, Miss., where he was wounded in the leg and laid up for six months, during which time he was captured while in the hospital, and paroled and sent to the parole camp at St. Louis, where he remained until October, 1863. He re-entered the service and operated around Vicksburg. Was in the Red River expedition under General Banks, and helped to capture 400 prisoners at Ft. Deruse on Red river.

He was at Guntown, Miss., under General Sturges, and was captured and sent to Macon, Ga., where he remained three or four months. Afterwards he was sent to Savannah, Ga., for a short time, then to Charleston, S. C., then to Columbia, S. C., where he remained till

March 1st, 1865, when he was exchanged and sent to St. Louis, where he received his final discharge May 15th, 1865.

He returned home and went to farming until 1870, during which time he was Superintendent of the schools of Williamson county, Ills., for four years. He came to Dade County in 1870 and settled on a farm he had previously bought in Cedar Township, consisting of 40 acres, where he lived for four years. In 1874 he was elected Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Dade County and moved to Greenfield where he remained in office eight years. In the meantime he had bought a farm of 196 acres in Center Township to which he moved after his term of office expired, where he lived until 1896 when he retired to Golden City, having sold his farm prior to that date. He now lives a happy, retired life in Golden City where he owns a comfortable home presided over by the faithful wife and surrounded by a host of friends.

David G. Young is a member of the Baptist church and a preacher of that organization, having been engaged in ministerial duties more or less, both in Illinois and Missouri since 1865. He is a man whose life has been devoted to doing good. He was pastor of the Baptist congregation in Greenfield when their present church house was built and it was largely due to his efforts that its building was made possible. In addition to the many thrilling incidents which occurred during the civil war, D. G. Young had been something of a "Soldier of Fortune" prior to that date. In the fall of 1851 he embarked at New York city for a trip around Cape Horn to the Golden Sands of California. For two long years he faced the dangers and privation incident to life in a western mining camp and returned to civilization with \$1,500, of the yellow metal in his belt. Three characteristics have marked the life of David G. Young—undaunted courage, tenacity of purpose and sterling integrity. Upon this foundation he has builded and builded well. At the mature age of 88 years he can now look back over the vista of years with the supreme satisfaction of one who has followed the dic-

tates of a well directed conscience along the lines of duty, and feel that he stands acquitted before both God and man. In politics he has always been classed as an Independent, voting for the best man irregardless of his political allignmennt, and supporting those measures which in his opinion were right from a moral standpoint. No man ever lived in Dade County who enjoys a greater degree of confidence and esteem than the subject of this sketch.

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ISOM A. YOUNG.

One of the prominent business men of Dade County is Isom A. Young of the town of Arcola. He was born in this county September 10th, 1878, a son of J. Monroe and Mary (Darrall) Young, he a native son of Dade County and she, a native of Pennsylvania. They were married here and raised two children namely, Isom A. of this review and Lena who is Mrs. James Gass of this county. Isom Young and his wife were very early settlers of Dade and became numbered among our most prominent citizens. They took Isom A. Young to raise when he was six months old and gave him the advantages of a good education. At the age of 18 years he graduated from the Greenfield High School and for two years thereafter he taught school, one year in Cedar County and one in Dade. On February 28th, 1899 Mr. Young moved to Arcola and entered the employ of John O. Mitchell, his uncle, as a clerk in his hardware store and in the same year he bought the entire stock which consisted of hardware, exclusively. Since this he has run the business and has made a decided success. He has increased his stock and added implements, harness, furniture, cement and seeds and grain until now at this writing, he carries a stock of \$15,000.00 and is doing one of the largest businesses in the county. His stock is housed in a large frame building 24x60 with a ware house 18x24, the property being owned by the Masonic Lodge of Arcola. Mr. Young is also a large buyer of grain buying some seven or eight thousand bushels of wheat a year according to the crop.

On February 28th, 1900 Mr. Young married Miss Mary E. Thomas who was born March 6th, 1878, a daughter of Nathaniel T. and Louvenia (Cowan) Thomas. To Mr. and Mrs. Young have been born two children as follows: Mary Elizabeth, born November 15th, 1908 and Trula Alexandria born May 2nd, 1913.

Mr. Young is a democrat in politics and has served as justice of the peace for two terms. Mr. Young is truly a man of affairs for beside his large business interests in Arcola, he has holdings of farming land in Oklahoma as well as vacant property in Tulsa, Okla. and is largely interested in oil, being a partner in the Mitchell & Young Oil Company of Oklahoma and is a stockholder in the Arcola bank. Fraternally he is a Mason and member of the Modern Woodman of America and the Yoemen. He and his wife are members of the M. E. church in which they are both very active and he is an acting trustee.

Truly Mr. Young is one of our hustling young business men, he can always be counted upon to help in any worthy cause for the betterment of the county or its people, always progressive in public affairs as well as in his private business, he is a booster for good roads and a staunch friend of our free public schools, a broad minded, courteous Christian gentleman and an honor to his town, county and state. We are proud to own him as a native son and he is well deserving of the exceptionally high esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

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MARSHALL A. YOUNG.

Was born in Dade County, Mo., December 1st, 1886, in Sac Township, a son of William Marshall Young whose complete biography appears in another place in this volume.

Marshall A. Young lived at home until 21 years of age at which time he bought out the other heirs in the home place of 240 acres upon which he lived for eight years then traded it for 160 acres in Sac Township and 146 acres adjoining it in Center Township. It is a splendid farm, all

in cultivation and well improved. Mr. Young is an extensive dealer in live stock and a large feeder of cattle, hogs and sheep. He also owns a farm of 120 acres in North Township on the Prairie. It is well improved, well drained and well watered. On the home farm he has a modern house of 6 rooms, running water and up to date.

He was married on the 9th day of January, 1907 to Edna McConnell, daughter of J. J. McConnell, ex-county judge from the eastern district. She is a native of Missouri and they have one child, John Marshall, born November 3rd, 1914.

Mr. Young is an active democrat, and a hustler in business. His wife is a member of the M. E. church and active in community work. Mr. Young feeds about one car each of hogs and cattle each year. He is a booster for good roads, drives a fine automobile and in every way is one of the very best citizens which Dade County affords.

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Sgt. Dale McGee and wife Josephine of Pomona, Calif., announce the arrival of a 7 lb. boy, born Jan. 20th. Sgt. McGee is a former citizen of Dade County, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Prater of South Greenfield, and is now serving in the Army Air Corps oversea.

Pfc. Robert Kottmeier, son of Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kottmeier of Lockwood, who is serving in Italy, has been reported slightly wounded.

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